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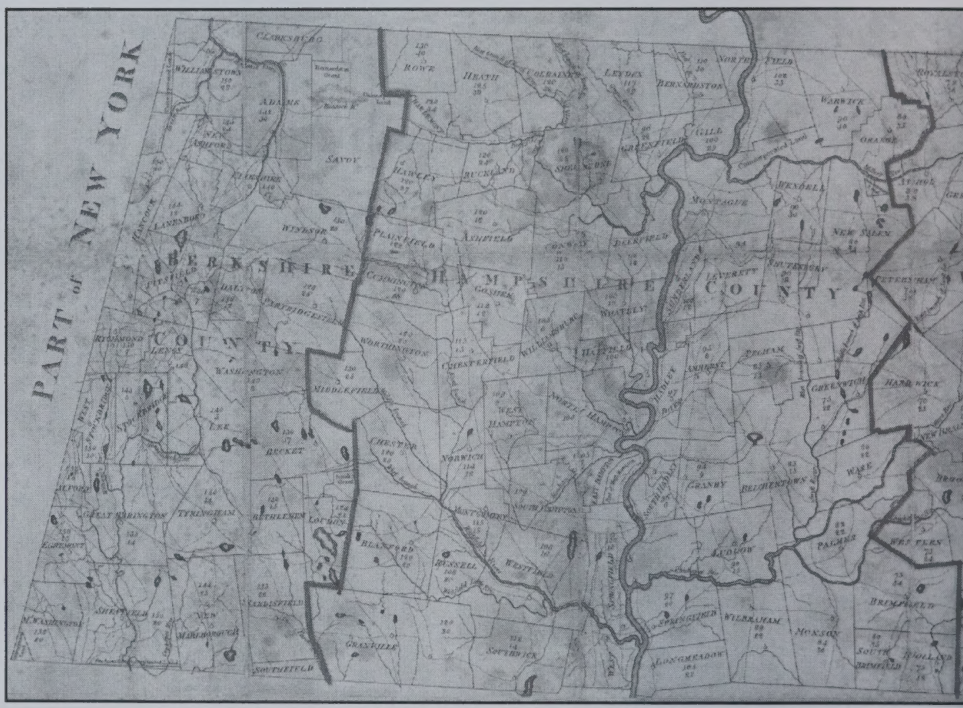

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Introduction

Although many Eastern Massachusetts colonial families have been well covered in print, the sons and daughters of those families who moved west are often lost to genealogists. The first stop on their migratory path was often in the woods of Western Massachusetts. So with this pattern in mind Michael J. Leclerc and Christopher C. Child of NEHGS conceived the Western Massachusetts Families in 1790 project.

Why 1790? The first U.S. Census was taken in 1790 for the states then in the Union. The census listed only the head of household by name and gave the total number of additional residents delineated by age and sex. Each sketch in this book treats a head of household from the census and aims to identify where the family came from and, in many cases, where the children went — and to document each fact as accurately as possible.

About Western Massachusetts

In many respects, Western Massachusetts is a different world from Boston and its environs. In the rural towns of Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin Counties, researchers can easily depart from the paved road in pursuit of a cemetery or family farm. Looking at the area via the satellite view on *maps.google.com*, Western Massachusetts appears to be mostly green forest, probably much of it rugged terrain, except for the major towns.

The history of the western part of the state reveals two patterns of settlement. The English early traveled north up the Connecticut River, past the falls above Windsor, and founded Springfield in 1636. Compared to Eastern Massachusetts, settlement occurred slowly: Northampton was formed in 1654, Hadley in 1659, Hatfield in 1670, and Deerfield in 1673. Even Westfield, on a tributary of the Connecticut River, was not settled until 1660. Areas at higher elevations on both sides of the river, and especially in the Berkshires, were not populated until well into the

next century. Not until 1753 did the district of Southampton become the first to split from Northampton, and only in 1763 did Wilbraham become the first town to separate from Springfield.

Hampshire County, incorporated in 1662, included the entire colony west of the Worcester area to the ill-defined New York boundary. Having traversed the western forests and mountains during the French and Indian Wars, former soldiers found attractive possibilities west of the Connecticut River. Local settlers were wary that the Dutch and New Yorkers might try to stake claims to the east. Thus, on the Housatonic River, which was useful for floating timber downstream but not for transportation, Sheffield became a town in 1733. Stockbridge followed in 1734, and Pittsfield was formed in 1761, the year Berkshire County was finally created from Hampshire. Franklin and Hampden Counties were not separated from Hampshire until 1811 and 1812. So in 1790, Western Massachusetts consisted of only Hampshire and Berkshire Counties.

Compiling the Family Sketches

In 2008, NEHGS members were invited to submit sketches similar to those in earlier "Families in 1790" projects, such as the ten-volume (to date) series titled *Maine Families in 1790*. The response was enthusiastic. Accounts of some 250 families arrived, most via email. Of those sketches, Michael and Chris selected about sixty for publication in print, trying to represent as many towns as possible and focusing on families not already treated in print. To ensure the accuracy of the content, a small army of volunteers "fact checked" every sketch by reviewing each source cited. The sources could generally be located in the NEHGS library or on the Internet. Other references had to be double-checked by the authors.

Only then did actual editing begin. Each sketch was formatted in *Register* style and documented with precise citations. During this process, it often became apparent that more information could be easily found, usually in land, probate, and Revolutionary War records, as well as in the published genealogical literature. With the NEHGS library and microfilm at our disposal, and with more and more sources now digitized and available via the Internet, we added information, and the sketches grew. To make them as useful as possible, we identified children and their spouses as fully as we were able, and followed them to their deaths when we could. Many of these children moved further west, to New York or the Midwest, or even north into Vermont.

Besides the standard primary sources — from vital records to deeds — the compilers of the sketches sometimes themselves possessed

old family records, Bibles, letters, and collections compiled by earlier researchers. Our authors had often visited cemeteries and courthouses looking for further details about these ancestors.

We hope that this level of detail, especially relating to children, will help family historians connect lines and expand their knowledge of where forebears lived, and when and where they migrated. Anyone tracing ancestors in the area can use the cited sources as a jumping-off point for further research. Even if no family in your ancestry is treated in one of these sketches, try checking the book's index for a town where an ancestor lived. Then look at the sketch(es) set in that town, and pay special attention to the notes to see the sources of information. Two kinds of sources that were not often used in these accounts are town records, such as minutes of town meetings and financial records, and county court records. These sources, which may include interesting material, are not generally available at NEHGS but are on Family History Library microfilm.

Now that *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* is off the press, we are continuing to edit additional sketches. A few have already been posted online on our website, *AmericanAncestors.org*, and more will follow over time.

Reading a Sketch

As noted above, each sketch uses a head of household from the 1790 census as its subject. The numbers below the name refer to the total number of people living in the household by age and sex. The number in each "column" correlates to the following categories:

Column 1 - The number of free white males age 16 and older, including the head of household if male.

Column 2 - The number of free white males under 16 years.

Column 3 - The number of free white females.

Column 4 - All other free white persons.

Column 5 - The number of slaves.

In the example below (see p. 1), we see that Jehiel Baldwin, head of household, is the subject of the sketch. At the time of the census, the household consisted of two free white males, including Jehiel, over the age of 16 and one free white female.

Baldwin, Jehiel
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The sketch continues in *Register* style, providing vital data on the sketch subject and his/her spouse, biographical information when available, and a listing of their children.

Other Resources for Western Massachusetts Families

Very few of the sketches submitted for *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* were set in the early Connecticut River towns, perhaps because the genealogies of many families in that area have already been compiled, often in manuscript form. These include Thomas Warren's "Springfield Families" and Walter E. Corbin's transcription of Sylvester Judd's "Genealogies of Northampton Families." In print we find *Hadley Families*, a section of Judd's 1863 *History of Hadley*, also published separately in 1862. George Sheldon's two-volume *History of Deerfield* contains many compiled families, as do other histories of area towns. However, these works generally have very little documentation.

Several important Western Massachusetts collections are held at the Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield and available on microfilm at NEHGS and elsewhere: the Elmer I. Shepard Collection of Massachusetts Family Group Sheets, which contains data on many Berkshire County families; Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Miscellaneous Records (ca. 1620 to 1920) from the William B. Browne Collection; and the Rollin H. Cooke Collection of Berkshire County records, which is notable for its church records and Cooke's eight-volume "Pittsfield Genealogies." The Walter E. and Lottie M. Corbin Collection at NEHGS contains transcriptions of records for Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties. All of the collection is available on sixty reels of microfilm, and the records for many towns are presented as individual databases on *AmericanAncestors.org*. (For more details about the above collections, see *Register* 139 [1985]: 150–155.)

Despite common belief, vital records of quite a number of towns in the western part of the state have been published, probably more for Berkshire County than for Hampshire. The Corbins transcribed many, especially for Hampshire County towns. Jay Mack Holbrook's filming of most Western Massachusetts town records was not yet available online, but we were able to use some of it on microfiche. (After the editing for our volume was complete, much of the Holbrook material came online at *Ancestry.com*.)

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Baldwin, Jehiel
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New Marlborough, Berkshire County[1]

By David Lee Cummings

Jehiel[4] **Baldwin** was born at Milford, New Haven County, Connecticut, on 21 June 1716, son of Daniel and Patience (Stevens) Baldwin.[2] He died at New Marlborough in October 1793[3] and was probably buried in the Old Southfield Cemetery at New Marlborough with his wife and several of his children.

Jehiel married, first, at Wallingford, New Haven County, on 30 November 1743, **Mary Way**.[4] She was born at East Haven, New Haven County, on 28 March 1722 and baptized at the First Congregational Society, now in Meriden, New Haven County, on 28 October 1733, daughter of David and Esther (Russell) Way.[5] Mary died at Wallingford 27 September 1748.[6] Jehiel married, second,

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Wendell, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 440.

[2] Charles Candee Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy* (Cleveland, Ohio: 1881), 487, 501; Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven* (1922–1932, repr., 8 vols. in 3, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997), 256, 2042.

[3] "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1734–1858," *Massachusetts Vital Records: New Marlboro, 1734–1915*, microfiche of the original records (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), Deaths, 7.

[4] Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), part 4, 105.

[5] Jacobus, *New Haven*, 1958.

[6] Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, 501; David L. Cummings, "Ancestry of Bridget Goodwin, Wife of Jehiel Baldwin of Wallingford & Enfield, CT, and New Marlborough, MA," *The Connecticut Nutmegger* 36 [2003]: 182–97 at 184, 192. This article identified the ancestry of Bridget Goodwin and clarified errors and omissions in the Jehiel Baldwin family.

at Wallingford 6 April 1749, **Bridget Goodwin**.[7] She was born at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 10 September 1732, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Eaton) Goodwin.[8] Bridget died 18 February 1805, aged 72, and was buried in the Old Southfield Cemetery at New Marlborough.[9]

Jehiel and Mary were residents of Wallingford from at least 1744 through 1749, when the births of three of their children and Jehiel's marriage to Bridget Goodwin were recorded. A series of Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticut, deeds show that Jehiel and Bridget were residents of New Haven in 1763 and of Wallingford again in 1765. Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, deeds show Jehiel as a resident of Wallingford in 1767 and of Enfield in 1771. The family moved to New Marlborough shortly after 1771, as deeds show Jehiel as a resident on 20 July 1772, 7 May 1777, and 17 April 1784.[10]

Children of Jehiel and Mary (Way) Baldwin, baptized at Meriden Parish [then at Wallingford]:[11]

i. **Jehiel**[5] **Baldwin**, bp. 5 Aug. 1744; d. at Wallingford 6 or 10 Sept. 1748.
ii. **David Baldwin**, bp. 1 Feb. 1747; d. at Wallingford 6 or 10 Sept. 1748.

Children of Jehiel[4] and Bridget (Goodwin) Baldwin,[12] the first three children born at Wallingford:[13]

iii. **Rebecca Baldwin**, b. 27 June 1750.

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[7] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, from Wallingford Land Records, 9: 561.

[8] [Twenty-fourth] Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston Containing Boston Births from A.D. 1700 to A.D. 1800 (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1894), 207 (birth); [Twenty-Eighth] Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751 (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1898), 119 (parents' marriage); Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, from Middletown Vital Records, 1: 89 (birth "in Boston").

[9] Cummings, "Ancestry of Bridget Goodwin," 185, 192; "Old Southfield Cemetery, New Marlborough," Massachusetts DAR, Genealogical Records Committee, Series 1, vol. 415: *Genealogical Records from Southern Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and Some Nearby Towns: 17th, 18th and 19th Centuries* (1971), 114.

[10] Cummings, "Ancestry of Bridget Goodwin," 183, 187, 192.

[11] Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, 501; Jacobus, *New Haven*, 106.

[12] Charles Candee Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy Supplement* (Cleveland, Ohio: Cleveland Leader Print, 1889), 1111, from a family Bible.

[13] Barbour Collection, citing Wallingford Land Records, 11: 551 (Rebecca), 13: 545 (David and Nathaniel); Jacobus, *New Haven*, 106.

iv. **David Baldwin**, b. 28 March 1753;[14] d. 1 Sept. 1820[15] or 1822;[16] m. **Lois Churchill**,[17] b. at Sheffield, Berkshire Co., 30 May 1753, dau. of Samuel and Thankful (Hewitt) (Seager) Churchill.[18] Lois d. at New Marlborough 3 Aug. 1837 and was bur. with David and several of their children in the Old Southfield Cemetery at New Marlborough.[19] Lois was the sister of John Churchill who married David's sister Martha.[20] David was a Revolutionary War veteran.[21]

v. **Nathaniel Baldwin**, b. 8 Oct. 1755; d. at New Marlborough in July 1778.[22]

vi. **Mary "Mollie" Baldwin**, b., probably at Wallingford, 13 Aug. 1758; d. 27 Oct. 1825; m. 20 March 1777, **Thomas Shepard**, b., probably at Bellingham, Norfolk Co., Mass., 24 Jan. 1744, son of Isaac and Sarah (Cheney) Shepard. Thomas d. 18 July 1815.[23] Both Mollie and Thomas were bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Copenhagen, Lewis Co., N.Y.[24]

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[14] Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, 525–26.

[15] Genealogical Records from Berkshire County, 114.

[16] Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, 525.

[17] Jacobus, *New Haven*, 106, contains an error where a wife Parnel is assigned to David[5] Baldwin. Parnel Clark was the wife of David Baldwin, b. 1740, d. 1808, son of Moses and Abigail (Royce) Baldwin (Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, 515).

[18] Gardner Asaph Churchill and Nathaniel Wiley Churchill, *The Churchill Family in America*, 2 vols (1904; repr. Bowie, Md., Heritage Books, 1991), 2: 335–38; Ellwood Count Curtis, *The Descendants of Josiah Churchill (c. 1615–1686) and Elizabeth Foote (1616–1700)*, 6 vols. (Cedar Falls, Iowa: Galactic Press, 2008), 1: 526; Joseph M. Kellogg, "Early Vital Records of Sheffield, Mass." (Lawrence, Kans., 1939), typescript, Mss A5932 in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS, 60.

[19] "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1734–1858," New Marlboro, 7; Genealogical Records from Berkshire County, 114.

[20] Scott A. Bartley, ed., *Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 1* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992), 36–37.

[21] Brian S. Barrett, "Berkshire Militia," *Berkshire Genealogist* 29 [2008]: 7. He was in Capt. Zenas Wheeler's 6th North New Marlborough Company, Col. John Ashley's 1st Berkshire Regiment; Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 1: 517.

[22] "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1734–1858," *New Marlboro*, 7.

[23] Gerald Faulkner Shepard and Donald Lines Jacobus, eds., *The Shepard Families of New England, Vol. 1* (New Haven, Conn.: New Haven Colony Historical Society, 1971), 72.

[24] Author's visit to cemetery on 19 Aug. 1986. *http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24957298*. This site says Mary was the daughter of William and Mary (Farmer) Baldwin, but see Cummings, "Ancestry of Bridget Goodwin," *Nutmegger* 36: 183.

vii. **Jehiel Baldwin**, b., probably at Wallingford, 4 Feb. 1761; d. at New Marlborough in July 1778.[25]

viii. **Martha Baldwin**, b., probably at Wallingford, 16 Aug. 1766; d. 13 Feb. 1839 aged 63, bur. in Cold Brook Cemetery, South Spafford, Onondaga Co., N.Y.;[26] m. at Hubbardton, Rutland Co., Vt., 29 May 1786, **John Churchill**, b. at Sheffield 12 March 1758,[27] son of Samuel and Thankful (Hewitt) (Seager) Churchill and brother of Lois Churchill.[28] John d. 27 Sept. 1817, aged 59 years 6 months 15 days, and was bur. in Cold Brook Cemetery,[29] a Revolutionary War veteran.[30]

ix. **Hannah Baldwin**, b., probably at Enfield, 1 Sept. 1770.[31]

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[25] "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1734–1858," *New Marlboro,* 7; Cummings, "Ancestry of Bridget Goodwin," 193, contains an error in the assignment of a wife Martha to Jehiel[5] Baldwin. Jehiel[6], son of David[5] and grandson of Jehiel[4], married Martha Sacket (Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy Supplement,* 1167).

[26] *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyononda/CEMETERY/COLDBROO.HTM.*

[27] Kellogg, "Vital Records of Sheffield," 60; Curtis, *Josiah Churchill,* 1: 526.

[28] Curtis, *Josiah Churchill,* 1: 128; Churchill, *Churchill Family,* 335–38.

[29] *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyononda/CEMETERY/COLDBROO.HTM*; Curtis, Josiah Churchill, 1: 377.

[30] Major General Carleton Edward Fisher and Sue Gray Fisher, *Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War – Vermont* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992), 114.

[31] Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy,* 501, says Jehiel was probably at Enfield in 1770.

Beals, Caleb
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Conway, Hampshire County[1]

By Emily Beaman Beals

Caleb Beals was born at Weymouth, Norfolk County, Massachusetts,[2] sometime after 1747, son of Seth and Abigail (Clark) Beal.[3] He died at Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts, on 28 August 1822.[4]

Caleb married 8 January 1784, **Dorothy "Dolly" Scott** of Ashfield, Hampshire County,[5] who was probably born at Sunderland, Hampshire County [now in Franklin County, Massachusetts].[6] She died at Conway 21 July 1851.[7]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Conway, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 136.

2 Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 202: 261, the death record of son Caleb, says his father was born at Weymouth.

3 Caleb is listed by Bertha Bortle Beal Aldridge in *Laphams in America* (Victor, N.Y., 1953), 438, as being the last child of Seth and Abigail. She does not give a birth date. He is not found in Weymouth Vital Records online at NEHGS. However, the consistency of names in their families and the proximity of their property in Conway support Aldridge's inclusion of Caleb as a child of Seth and Abigail. In addition, six of Seth and Abigail's children died at Conway; another held property there, deeded from Seth Beal of Weymouth on 23 December 1772 to William Salisbury of Boston, noting that this land bounded that of Caleb Beal (Franklin Co. Deeds, 3: 1 [abstract]; Hampshire Co. Deeds [at Hampden Co.], 12: 843 [full deed]). William had married Elizabeth, dau. of Seth and Abigail, and sister of Caleb (Aldridge, *Laphams*, 436).

4 *Vital Records of Conway, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1943), 214; Revolutionary War Pension, Caleb Beals, W14293, file 2832.

5 Revolutionary War Pension, Caleb Beals, W14293, where she said in her deposition on 13 March 1840 that she was also called "Dolly"; intentions at Conway 16 Sept. 1873 (*Vital Records of Conway,* 125).

6 Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 202: 261, death record of son Caleb.

7 Franklin Co., Mass., Probate, Dorothy Beals file.

According to his widow's affidavit regarding his participation in the Revolutionary War, Caleb served for about nine months in 1775 (at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts), at least three months in 1776, and at least one month in 1777. His service in 1776–77 was in northern New York, near the North [Hudson] River and at Fort Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York.[8]

Caleb's will, dated 9 February 1821 and presented in court on 17 December 1823, named wife "Dorotha"; sons Caleb, Seth, Amzi, and Scott; and daughters "Dorotha," wife of David Severance; Abigail, wife of Joseph Wheelock; and Hannah.[9]

Children of Caleb and Dorothy (Scott) Beals, named in Caleb's will:[10]

i. **Dorothy Beals**, b. ca. 1785;[11] d. after 1870,[12] probably 24 June 1877, bur. in Oakwood Cemetery, Sullivan, Madison Co., N.Y.;[13] m., intentions at Conway 26 Dec. 1807, **David Severance**,[14] b. at Conway 22 Feb. 1784, son of Jesse and Lucy (Man) Severance.[15] David d., probably, at Sullivan.[16] A David Severance was bur. in Oakwood Cemetery 21 Nov. 1872.

ii. **Caleb Beals**, b. 15 Sept. 1786;[17] d. at Whately, Franklin Co., Mass., 15 June 1867, aged 81 years 9 months;[18] m., probably, at Whately, 10 April 1811, **Tryphena Starks**,[19] b. at Whately 29 March 1789,

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[8] Revolutionary War Pension, Caleb Beals, W14293. According to J. H. Temple, *History of the Town of Whately, Mass.* (Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, 1872), 148, he served at Saratoga.

[9] Franklin Co. Probate, docket #372, 8: 416.

[10] Franklin Co. Probate, Caleb Beals file.

[11] 1850 U.S. Census, Sullivan, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 426, p. 4B.

[12] 1870 U.S. Census, Sullivan, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 968, p. 528, "Dorathy Severns" aged 86, b. Mass., with Mary J. Severns, 47, b. N.Y.

[13] "Oakwood Cemetery Interment Records, Chittenango, Town of Sullivan," as "Mrs. Severance," online at *http://home.comcast.net/~ingallsam/Cemeteries/Sullivan/SullOakwood.htm*.

[14] *Vital Records of Conway,* 183.

[15] *Vital Records of Conway,* 92; *Vital Records of Deerfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1920), 226 (parents' marriage); George Sheldon, *History of Deerfield, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Deerfield, Mass., 1895), 2: 290.

[16] 1850 census (see above), David, 65, a blacksmith, and Dolly, 64, both born in Mass. In 1860 at Sullivan, Dolly Severance was 75 and Mary Severance 37, b. N.Y. (1860 U.S. Census, Sullivan, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 780, p. 236).

[17] Temple, *Whately*, 205.

[18] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 202: 261, heart disease, a farmer, parents named.

[19] Temple, *Whately*, 205; intentions at Conway in March 1811 (*Vital Records of Conway,* 125).

dau. of John and Tryphena (___) Starks.[20] She d. at Whately 25 Oct. 1866, aged 76 years 6 months 26 days.[21]

iii. **Abigail Beals**, b. ca. 1789;[22] d. at Conway 18 Aug. 1854, aged 65;[23] m., intentions at Conway 10 Dec. 1809, **Joseph Wheelock** of Conway,[24] b. at Leverett, Hampshire Co., 3 April 1789, son of John Wheelock.[25] Joseph d. at Conway 24 Dec. 1878, aged 89 years 9 months.[26]

iv. **Seth Beals**, b. ca. 1790; d. after 1830; m., intentions at Conway 1 Feb. 1817, **Chloe Mellin**.[27] Seth and Chloe moved to New York, where they appear in the 1830 census for Skaneateles, Onondaga Co.[28] Son Jeremiah S. Beals migrated to Alabama, Genesee Co., N.Y., where members of this family remained for several generations.[29]

v. **Hannah Beals**, b. ca. 1791; d. 5 Jan. 1859;[30] m., intentions at Conway 19 May 1822, **Samuel Wing**,[31] b., probably at Goshen, Hampshire Co., 25 Feb. 1792, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Miller) Wing.[32] Samuel d. at Melmore, Seneca Co., Ohio, 16 May 1875. In 1850 Samuel Wing, a farmer, 59, and Hannah, 59, both born in Mass., lived at Eden, Seneca Co.[33] In 1860 Samuel was 68, and in 1870 he was 78;[34] he is not found at Eden in 1880.

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[20] Temple, *Whately*, 205; her mother's given name from Tryphena's death record (see below).

[21] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 183: 307, typhoid fever, her parents named.

[22] 1850 U.S. Census, Conway, Franklin Co., Mass., roll 316, p. 170.

[23] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 84: 192, of asthma, wife of Joseph Wheelock, her parents not known.

[24] *Vital Records of Conway*, 197.

[25] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection, Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, Robert J. Dunkle, ed., CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), from "Leverett first book of records," no mother named.

[26] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 301: 288, of paralysis, married, a blacksmith, born Leverett, son of John Wheelock.

[27] *Vital Records of Conway*, 125.

[28] 1830 U.S. Census, Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 100, p. 146.

[29] F. W. Beers, ed., *Gazetteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, NY, 1788–1890*, (Syracuse, N.Y.: J. W. Vose & Co., 1890), 124; *Historian's Page, Alabama, NY*, at *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycalaba/*.

[30] Conway P. Wing, *A Historical and Genealogical Register of John Wing, of Sandwich, Mass., and His Descendants* (New York: De Vinne Press, 1888), 157.

[31] *Vital Records of Conway*, 200.

[32] Wing, *John Wing, of Sandwich, Mass.*, 101, 157.

[33] 1850 U.S. Census, Eden, Seneca Co., Ohio, roll 728, p. 384.

[34] 1860 U.S. Census, Eden, Seneca Co., Ohio, roll 1035, p. 293; 1870 U.S. Census, Eden, roll 1266, p. 92.

vi. **Amzi Beals**, b. 20 June 1801; d. at Dover, Lenawee Co., Mich., in 1872;[35] m. **Maria Billard**, b. in New York[36] 20 March 1805.[37] Maria d. at Dover 20 July 1872.[38] They were probably at Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., in 1830 and Stockton, Chautauqua Co., in 1840.[39] In 1870 Amzi Beals, a blacksmith, 69, born in Mass., and Maria, 63, born in N.Y., lived at Dover.[40]

vii. **Scott Beals**, b. ca. 1803; m., intentions at Conway 3 Nov. 1822, **Aurelia Hulbert**, both of Conway.[41]

Emily Beaman Beals of Jasper, Georgia, is a retired high school English teacher. Her husband, Brian Lee Beals, is a descendant of Caleb Beals through his son Seth.

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[35] John I. Knapp, *Illustrated History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County, Michigan*, (University of Michigan: The Times Printing Co., 1903), 249.

[36] 1850 U.S. Census, Bronson, Huron Co., Ohio, roll 697, p. 155.

[37] Knapp, *Lenawee County*, 249.

[38] Knapp, *Lenawee County*, 249.

[39] 1830 U.S. Census, Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., roll 86, p. 248; 1840 U.S. Census, Stockton, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., roll 248, p. 272.

[40] 1870 U.S. Census, Dover, Lenawee Co., Mich., roll 685, p. 213.

[41] *Vital Records of Conway*, 125.

Beaman, Lemuel
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Wendell, Hampshire County[1]

By Emily Beaman Beals

Lemuel Beaman was born at Lancaster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 2 October 1746 and was baptized at the Chocksett Church, then at Lancaster, on 9 November 1746, son of Phineas and Joanna (White) Beaman.[2] He died at Wendell [now in Franklin County, Massachusetts] on 4 or 5 December 1801.[3]

Lemuel married at Lancaster 19 May 1773, **Prudence Rowe**[4] or **Monroe**. She was baptized at Lexington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 19 January 1752, daughter of Philip and Abigail (Parker?) Monroe.[5] Prudence died at Wendell 6[6] or 16 August 1841, aged 88.[7]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Wendell, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 645.

2 Henry S. Nourse, *The Birth, Marriage, and Death Register, Church Records and Epitaphs of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1643–1850* (Lancaster, Mass.: W. J. Coulter, 1890), 72 (birth), 379–80 (baptism), 133 (parents' marriage); Emily Beaman Wooden, *The Beaman and Clark Genealogy: A History of the Descendants of Gamaliel Beaman and Sarah Clark of Dorchester and Lancaster, Mass., 1635–1909* (Rochester, N.Y.: the author, 1909), 81–82. This work calls Lemuel's father "Phineas Houghton" Beaman, and it gives many other early Beamans improbable middle names.

3 William Richard Cutter, *New England Families Genealogical and Memorial*, 4 vols. (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914) 3: 1187–88, says 4 December; *Vital Records to 1850: Wendell, 1763–1893*, microfilm of original records (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), Deaths, 262, says 5 December.

4 Nourse, *Lancaster*, 103, which says "Rowe."

5 Richard S. Munroe, *History and Genealogy of the Lexington, Massachusetts, Munroes* (Florence, Mass.: the author 1986), 21–22; *Lexington, Mass., Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths to January 1, 1898* (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1898), 53. Cutter, *New England Families*, 3: 1187–88, which gives Lemuel's mother's name as "Susanna" and explains that the name Monroe was often rendered as "Row(e)," says Prudence was born at Northborough, Massachusetts, in 1753. But her baptism must have been in January 1751/52, before the change from Julian to Gregorian calendar in September 1752.

6 Cutter, *New England Families*, 3: 1187–88, says 6 August.

7 Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 1: 224, says 16 August, of "Diarrhoea" and old age.

He was probably living at New Salem, then in Hampshire County, when he answered the Lexington Alarm on 19 April 1775, serving in Captain Ebenezer Goodall's Company, Colonel Woodbridge's Regiment, for seven days.[8] No probate record for Lemuel appears in Hampshire County.

Children of Lemuel and Prudence (Monroe) Beaman, the first four recorded at Wendell:[9]

i. **Lemuel Beaman**, b. 25 March 1776; d.y.[10]

ii. **John Beaman**, b. 7 Jan. 1778; d. at Wendell 19 Sept. 1823;[11] m. at Montague, Hampshire Co. [now in Franklin Co., Mass.], 22 Dec. 1803, **Tabitha Bancroft**, b. at Montague 2 Aug. 1784, dau. of Kendall and Susanna (Ewers) Bancroft.[12] Tabitha d. at Fredonia in Pomfret, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., 9 Feb. 1858.[13] On 31 March 1848 "Tabathy" Beaman of Montague sold two tracts of land in New Salem, Franklin Co.[14]

iii. **Elihu Beaman**, b. 31 Dec. 1779; d. at Wendell 17 June 1847, aged 67 years 5 months 17 days;[15] m. at Barre, Worcester Co., 11 Dec.

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[8] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 1: 891.

[9] *Vital Records to 1850: Wendell, 1763–1893*, 37, the last digit of the years illegible. Wooden, *Beaman and Clark*, 87–88, which gives John and David the middle name "Munroe," but it would have been unusual for children to be given middle names at that time.

[10] Wooden, *Beaman and Clark*, 87–88.

[11] *Vital Records to 1850: Wendell, 1763–1893*, 272. His widow "Bitha" petitioned for probate on 14 Oct. 1823, John having died intestate (Franklin Co. Probate, docket #382, 9: 275).

[12] John Kermott Allen, "Thomas Bancroft of Dedham and Reading, Mass., and Some of His Descendants," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 94 [1940]: 215–24, 311–21; 95 [1941]: 56–69, 109–18, 276–85, 363–74; 96 [1942]: 49–57, 126–37, 284–92, 327–36; 97 [1943]: 65–77, 124–34, 214–20, at 95: 65–66.

[13] Cutter, *New England Families*, 3: 1187–88; Wooden, *Beaman and Clark*, 88; *Vital Records of Montague, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1934), 58 (marriage, her name spelled "Bithy Banercraft" in their intentions, John being "of Wendell").

[14] Franklin Co. Deeds, 146: 101.

[15] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 32: 146, quick consumption, married, a house carpenter, born Wendell, son of Lemual and Prudence Beaman; Wooden, *Beaman and Clark*, 94.

1805, **Anna Partrick**,[16] b. at Barre 7 Feb. 1780,[17] dau. of John and Sarah (___) Partrick.[18] Anna d. at Wendell 13 April 1857, aged 77 years 1 month 26 days [*sic*].[19]

iv. **David Beaman**, b. 5 Dec. 1780; d. at Reading, Hamilton Co., Ohio, 12 Aug. 1824; m. at Boston, Suffolk Co, Mass., 28 Aug. or 3 Nov. 1806, **Elizabeth Withington**, b. at Dorchester, Suffolk Co,, 10 March 1785, dau. of Phineas and Hannah (Leeds) Withington. Elizabeth d. at Reading 16 March 1845.[20]

v. **Lemuel Beaman**, b. 25 March 1790; d. at Wendell 1797.[21]

Emily Beaman Beals of Jasper, Georgia, is a retired high school English teacher and a descendant of Lemuel Beaman through his son John.

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[16] *Vital Records of Barre, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1859* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 183, says 1809, Elihu "of Wendell." But their intentions at Wendell were filed on 6 December 1805 and first child Anna was born 3 December 1806 (*Vital Records to 1850: Wendell, 1763–1893*, 178 [intentions], 69 [children's births]).

[17] Wooden, *Beaman and Clark*, 94.

[18] *Vital Records of Barre*, 68.

[19] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 111: 321, of old age, born Barre, widow of Elihu, her parents not named.

[20] Frederic Sherer Withington, "Descendants of Henry Withington of Dorchester, Mass.," *Register* 75 [1921]: 142–54, 196–216, at 206, which says they married on 3 November. According to *[Thirtieth Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston] A Volume of Records Relating to the Early History of Boston Containing Boston Marriages from 1752 to 1809* (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1903), 492, David "Beman" and Elizabeth Withington married 28 August 1806.

[21] Cutter, *New England Families*, 3: 1188.

Bigelow, John
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Chester, Hampshire County[1]

By Jonathan Bigelow

John[5] **Bigelow** (*Joseph*[4], *Daniel*[3–2], *John*[1]) was born at Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 24 August 1757,[2] son of Joseph and Sarah (Stebbins) Bigelow.[3] He died at Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 24 August 1843, aged 86.[4]

John married at Chester 29 November 1787, **Persis Wright**.[5] She was born at Spencer, Worcester County, on 27 February 1765,[6] daughter of Edward and Tryphena (Hinds) Wright.[7] Persis died at Worcester

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Conway, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 139.

[2] Revolutionary War Pension, John Bigelow, file S18717. In a declaration included with his pension application, John states that he was born at Framingham 24 August 1757 and that the birth was recorded at Spencer. *Vital Records of Spencer, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 23, gives his date of birth and parents' names, but does not specify his birthplace. Gilman Bigelow Howe, *Genealogy of the Bigelow Family of America, from the Marriage in 1642 of John Biglo and Mary Warren to the Year 1890* (Worcester, Mass.: C. Hamilton, 1890), 93, assumed that the birth took place at Spencer.

[3] *Vital Records of Framingham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 240, and *Vital Records of Leicester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 121 (parents' marriage). *Vital Records of Framingham* indicates that the marriage took place at Leicester. James Draper, *History of Spencer, Massachusetts, from Its Earliest Settlement to the Year 1860*, 2nd ed. (Worcester, Mass.: Henry J. Howland, 1860), 255, identifies Sarah as the dau. of Capt. John Stebbings of Leicester and Spencer.

[4] Gravestone inscription in Old Cemetery, Spencer, Massachusetts, author's visit in April, 1994; also, *Vital Records of Leicester*, 243, "Aug. 25, 1843, a. 86, in Worcester."

[5] *Vital Records of Chester, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 124, called "Persa Wright."

[6] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 122, called "Perces."

[7] *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 446 (parents' marriage 27 June 1745).

11 December 1842, aged 79.[8] John and Persis were buried in the Old Cemetery at Spencer.[9]

John moved with his family from Framingham to Spencer when he was a small boy.[10] He served in several companies for a total of seventeen months in the Revolutionary War, beginning in December 1775 when he enlisted at Spencer and marched to Dorchester. In 1776–77 he was at Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York, and later in 1777 served in various places on the "Narragansett shore." In 1778 at Rutland, Worcester County, he guarded prisoners from General Burgoyne's army and in 1779 marched to Claverack, Albany, and Troy and up the Mohawk River to Schenectady, New York.[11]

John lived at Spencer until his early twenties,[12] when he settled at Murrayfield, Hampshire County [present-day Chester, Hampden County]. John was one of four sons of Joseph Bigelow, who moved from Spencer to Chester in the final decades of the eighteenth century. John was the first to arrive, followed by his younger brothers Daniel (by 1791[13]), James (by 1792[14]), and William (by 1801[15]). Daniel had a family and died at Chester,[16] but James and William later moved to Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.[17]

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[8] *Vital Records of Leicester*, 243, "w. John, Dec. 9, 1842, a. 79, in Worcester."

[9] Author's visit, April 1994; *Vital Records of Spencer*, 232.

[10] The last event recorded in Framingham relating to the family of Joseph Bigelow was the baptism of his second son, Joseph, on 10 February 1760 (*Vital Records of Framingham*, 26). Draper, *History of Spencer*, 181, states that Joseph purchased and settled on lot #43 in Spencer in 1766.

[11] John's own declaration on 6 September 1832 in his Revolutionary War Pension, file S18717.

[12] The declaration in John's Revolutionary War Pension file indicates that he lived about twenty years at Chester. Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 93, states that John moved back to Spencer around 1800, which would place him at Chester around 1780. He was certainly there by 1785, when the Chester meetinghouse was reseated (Alfred Minot Copeland, *A History of the Town of Murrayfield* [Springfield, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan and Co., 1892], 163).

[13] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 94. Daniel Bigelow married Mercy Wood at Chester on 27 January 1791 (*Vital Records of Chester*, 124).

[14] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 94. John, son of James and Mary Bigelow, was baptized at Chester on 1 July 1792 (*Vital Records of Chester*, 20).

[15] William Bigelow and his wife Betsey had a stillborn daughter at Chester on 17 August 1801 (*Vital Records of Chester*, 21 [birth]; 206 [death]).

[16] *Vital Records of Chester*, 205 (death on 24 May 1848).

[17] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 51 (William), 94 (James).

Persis moved with her family from Spencer to Murrayfield around 1770.[18] John and Persis returned to Spencer sometime after 1800[19] and lived there until their old age, when they went to live with their daughter Persis Barker in Worcester.[20] On 3 October 1843, son-in-law Samuel D. Barker of Worcester posted bond on John's estate.[21]

Children of John and Persis (Wright) Bigelow, the first seven born at Chester[22] and the last two at Spencer:[23]

i. **Polly**[6] **Bigelow**, b. 23 Dec. 1788; d. at Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass., 22 July 1832.[24]

ii. **John Bigelow**, b. 6 Nov. 1791; d. at Spencer 10 April 1870, aged 78;[25] m. at Spencer 25 Sept. 1817, **Eliza (Spencer) Garfield**,[26] b., probably in New Hampshire, in April 1793, widow of Daniel Garfield.[27] She d. after John. In 1860 John "Bigalo," a farmer, 68, lived with Eliza S., 66, at Spencer.[28]

iii. **Jabez Bigelow**, b. 13 Aug. 1793; d. at Worcester 5 Feb. 1876;[29] m. (1) at Spencer 30 Jan. 1814, **Philinda Prouty**,[30] b. at Spencer 29

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[18] Draper, *History of Spencer*, 261. Edward Wright was a selectman in Murrayfield in 1771 (Alfred Minot Copeland, *Our County and Its People: A History of Hampden County, Massachusetts* [The Century Memorial Publishing Co., 1902], 388).

[19] Their dau. Tryphena was born at Chester in 1800 and their son Nathan at Spencer in 1802 (see below).

[20] *A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services; with Their Names, Ages, and Places of Residence* (Washington, D.C.: Blair and Rivis, 1841; repr., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1989), 37.

[21] Worcester Co. Probate, docket #5460, 238:644.

[22] *Vital Records of Chester*, 20–21.

[23] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 23.

[24] *Vital Records of Leicester*, 243; gravestone inscription in the Old Cemetery in Spencer (author's visit, April 1994).

[25] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 162; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 231: 316, married, his father named as John but no mother given.

[26] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 137.

[27] Daniel Garfield was born at Spencer 16 June 1791, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Garfield, and d. there 19 April 1816, bur. in Old Cemetery there (*Vital Records of Spencer*, 43 [birth], 242 [death]). See "Garfields in America," *http://garfieldsinamerica.homestead.com/GEN_7_PART_2.html* for more detail but no documentation (Mass. VR from 1841, 25: 212 names their parents). Eliza's son Daniel Royal Garfield married Mary C. Bigelow, dau. of John's brother Jabez Bigelow.

[28] 1860 U.S. Census, Spencer, Worcester Co., Mass., roll 530, p. 761.

[29] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 285: 435

[30] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 137, called "Philindia."

Sept. 1792, dau. of Joseph and Betsy (Draper) Prouty.[31] Philinda d. at Worcester 29 April 1854.[32] Jabez m. (2) at Worcester 20 Aug. 1854, **Hannah P. Perham**,[33] b. at Manchester, Hillsborough Co., N.H., ca. 1814, dau. of William and Prudence Perham. Hannah d. at Groton, Middlesex Co., Mass., 1 May 1856, aged 42.[34] Jabez m. (3), before 1858, **Mary Smith** of Brookfield, Orange Co., Vt., d. Oct. 1885.[35]

iv. **Persis Bigelow**, b. 24 Jan. 1795; d. at Worcester 15 Oct. 1886;[36] m. at Spencer 25 Dec. 1817, **Samuel D. Barker**,[37] b. in Maine ca. Aug. 1798, d. at Worcester 30 Dec. 1880, aged 87 years 4 months.[38] In 1880 Samuel D. Barker, a hatter, aged 85 [*sic*], he and his parents b. Maine, and Persis B. Barker, 83, lived at Worcester.[39]

v. **James Stebbins Bigelow**, b. 10 Jan. 1797; d. at Paxton, Worcester Co., 19 Nov. 1872;[40] m. at Spencer 28 Feb. 1819, **Mehitable (Draper) Lyon**,[41] b. at Spencer 3 April 1788, dau. of James and Mary (Prouty) Draper,[42] and widow of Charles Lyon.[43] Mehitable d. at Paxton 24 Nov. 1872.[44]

vi. **Joseph Bigelow**, b. 19 June 1798; d. at Marlborough, Windham Co., Vt., 25 Nov. 1879;[45] was "of Rutland" when he m. at Sutton, Worcester Co., 11 Nov. 1820, **Aurel Hathaway**,[46] b. at Sutton 16

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[31] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 92 (birth, called "Philenda."), 194 (parents' marriage); Charles Henry Pope, *Prouty (Proute) Genealogy* (Boston: the author, 1910), 51–52; Thomas Waln-Morgan Draper, *The Drapers in America* (New York: John Polhemus Printing Co., 1892), 42.

[32] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 86: 191.

[33] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 80: 298.

[34] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 103: 67, birthplace and parents given.

[35] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 163.

[36] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 375: 511.

[37] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 137.

[38] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 321: 485, erysipelas, a hatter, born in Maine, no parents named.

[39] 1880 U.S. Census, Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass., roll 568, E.D. 902, p. 555D.

[40] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 249: 350.

[41] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 137.

[42] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 39 (birth), 152 (parents' marriage); Draper, *Drapers in America*, 42–43.

[43] She married (1) at Spencer 1 May 1808, Charles Lyon, (*Vital Records of Spencer*, 181 [marriage], 254); Draper, *Drapers in America*, 43.

[44] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 249: 350.

[45] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 164.

[46] *Vital Records of Sutton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester: Franklin P.

Sept. 1797, dau. of Simeon and Lucy (Burden) Hathaway.[47] Aurel d., probably at Hubbardston, Worcester Co., 14 March 1865.[48] In 1860 Joseph Bigelow, aged 62, was a farm laborer in the household of William and Lucy Clarke, and Aurel, aged 60, was living with Francis F. and Pervis B. King, all at Hubbardston.[49]

vii. **Tryphena Bigelow**, b. 4 May 1800; d. at Worcester 31 October 1865, aged 65 years 5 months 28 days;[50] m., intentions at Sutton 24 Feb. 1824, **Salmon Putnam**,[51] b. at Sutton 29 Dec. 1800, son of Cyrus and Lucinda (Hathaway) Putnam.[52] Salmon d. at Holden, Worcester Co., 21 Jan. 1892, aged 91 years 23 days.[53]

viii. **Nathan Bigelow**, b. 3 Sept. 1802; d. at Worcester 26 March 1851;[54] m. (1) at Rutland 16 March 1824, **Prudence Hathaway**,[55] b. at Sutton 25 Jan. 1801, dau. of Simeon and Lucy (Burden) Hathaway.[56] Prudence d. in Ohio 17 Jan. 1845.[57] Nathan m. (2) at Worcester 10 Oct. 1850, **Maria Fitzgerald**, b. in England ca. 1830.[58]

ix. **Sarah Bigelow**, b. 26 March 1805; d. at Leicester 16 March 1889;[59] m., intentions at Leicester 9 Nov. 1828, **Edward Knowles**,[60] b. at Hardwick, Worcester Co., ca. 3 Sept. 1799, son of Simeon and

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Rice, 1907), 212 ("Aurel Hatheway" in this record).

[47] *Vital Records of Sutton*, 84, her name spelled "Oril" and called "s. [*sic*] of Simeon and Lucy," 277 (parents' marriage).

[48] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 185: 215, as "Abbie," married, aged 68, wife of Joseph Bigelow, no birthplace or parents named.

[49] 1860 U.S. Census, Hubbardston, Worcester Co., Mass., roll 533, 308 (Aurel) and 312 (Joseph). "Joseph 2d" and Aurel had a daughter Persis Barker Bigelow, born at Rutland 25 Feb. 1822 (*Vital Records of Rutland, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905], 15).

[50] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 185: 299, lung fever, dau. of John and Persis Bigelow.

[51] *Vital Records of Sutton*, 336.

[52] *Vital Records of Sutton*, 140 (birth), 332 (parents' marriage).

[53] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 429: 583, old age, farmer, b. Sutton, son of Cyrus and Lucinda.

[54] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 59: 212.

[55] *Vital Records of Rutland*, 114.

[56] *Vital Records of Sutton*, 84 (birth), 277 (parents' marriage).

[57] Howe, *Bigelow Family*, 164.

[58] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 47: 248, he aged 47, she 20, her parents not named.

[59] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 402: 517.

[60] *Vital Records of Leicester*, 176.

Priscilla Knowles.[61] Edward d. at Leicester 29 Oct. 1876, aged 77 years 1 month 26 days. In 1850 Edward "Knouls" a carpenter, aged 51, b. Mass., and Sarah B., 45, were living at Leicester.[62]

Jonathan Bigelow of Torrance, California, is a Vice President at Union Bank and a descendant of John Bigelow.

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[61] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 285: 366, a carpenter, his parents b. Eastham.

[62] 1850 U.S. Census, Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass., roll 342, p. 336.

Bowen, Aaron

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Adams, Berkshire County[1]

By William B. Saxbe, Jr., CG, FASG

Aaron[6] **Bowen** was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 3 May 1759, son of Valentine[5] Bowen (*Hezekiah*[4], *Obadiah*[3–2], *Richard*[1]) and Jemima (Martin) Bowen.[2] He died at Fleming, Cayuga County, New York, on 8 March 1839,[3] aged 79 years 9 months 25 days, and was buried in Galpin Hill Cemetery in Fleming.[4]

He married (1), probably at New Providence or Lanesborough or Adams (all predecessors of Cheshire), Berkshire County, about 1782, **Lucy May**.[5] She was born about 1758; died at Aurelius, Cayuga County, 5 August 1818,[6] in her 61st year; and was buried in Galpin Hill Cemetery.[7] Aaron Bowen married (2) in Aurelius 1 November 1818,

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

2 H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 39; D. D. Hughes and W. H. Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families* (1877; repr. Charleston, S.C.: Garnier and Co., 1968), 185.

3 Revolutionary War Pension file, Aaron Bowen, W25263.

4 Manuscript of the late W. Herbert Wood, concerning Cayuga Co. Bowen cemetery and deed records, forwarded to the author by the late Gerald J. Parsons, FASG, of Syracuse, N.Y. (Mr. Parsons' papers are in the R. Stanton Avery Collection at NEHGS); Galpin Hill Cemetery, data online at *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycayuga/cem/cem56.htm*, all family records there viewed 28 March 2011.

5 Marriage date estimated from the age of the oldest child; Randi T. Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants of Thomas Rogers (with Bowen and Barnum Allied Families)," typescript formerly at the New York Genealogical and Historical Society, now at the New York City Public Library (New York, 1980), E-11; *Biographical Review of the Leading Citizens of Cayuga Co., New York* (New York: Biographical Publishing Co., 1894), 399.

6 Marguerite Bowen Mason, ed., *Bowen News Exchange* 4 (Steeleville, Mo.: 1992–95): 3, her birth date calculated from age at death.

7 W. Herbert Wood manuscript; Galpin Hill Cemetery, online as above. The town of

Abigail Smith.[8] She was born in Rhode Island about 1782[9] and died at Fleming 25 November 1860, aged 78, with burial in Galpin Hill Cemetery.[10]

Aaron Bowen enlisted from Adams for military service in August 1777 and served eight days in the Battle of Bennington, 14–19 August, in Capt. Samuel Low's Company, Col. Simond's Regiment, and in later enlistments served at Skenesborough, Springfield, New Haven, and Vermont.[11] He also answered "an alarm to the northward by order of General Fellows" in October 1780, in the same unit.[12] Aaron was chosen "Wardean" of Adams on 8 March 1784.[13] He was named in his father's will dated 5 June 1797.[14] The Federal Direct Tax of 1798 found him at Cheshire, formed in part from Adams in 1793,[15] with a house on forty perches of land, final valuation $150, and a farm of seventy-nine acres and 120 perches with two houses, final valuation $632.[16] For the 1800 census, he was at Cheshire, with one male 26–45, one male and two females under 10, three females 10–16, one female 26–16, and one female 26–45.[17]

He was active in local churches. He and his wife were founding members of the Second Baptist Church of Lanesborough (later Cheshire) 30 May 1789.[18] The following year, on 26 June 1790, they requested to be dismissed to the First Baptist Church of Adams (later

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Fleming was created from the town of Aurelius in 1823.

[8] Revolutionary War Pension file, Aaron Bowen, W25263.

[9] 1850 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 483, p. 206; 1860 U.S. Census, Fleming, roll 729, p. 578.

[10] Birth date calculated from age at death (W. Herbert Wood manuscript); Galpin Hill Cemetery, online as above. National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, membership application, Jeanne Tower Allyn, National #509222, says she was born 16 May 1790 at Bennington, Vt., and died 6 June 1857.

[11] Revolutionary War Pension file, Aaron Bowen, W25263.

[12] Ellen M. Raynor and Emma L. Petitclerc, *History of the Town of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass.* (Holyoke, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1885), 206–7.

[13] Adams Town Book 1: 42; Adams Town Records, 25.

[14] Berkshire County Probate, 9: 527–28.

[15] William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, 5th ed. (Boston: NEHGS, 1997), 33.

[16] Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798, 20: 591, 616.

[17] 1800 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 155. The additional persons in his household may have included the family of his brother Peleg.

[18] Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., Rollin H. Cooke Collection, 12: 2.

Cheshire).[19] The request was granted, and they were accepted by the First Baptist Church 1 July 1790.[20] Aaron was not a silent member of the congregation: On 15 March 1794 he objected to Pastor Werden's claim of possession of "considerable betterments to the publick lott," but the bulk of the church supported the pastor, and Aaron apparently parted company with the congregation.[21] They did, however, reconcile as on 2 May 1795, "Aaron Bowen . . . apeared to be wonderfully set at liberty in his mind and frely renewed his Covinent Obligations with his Brethren."[22] On 29 May 1800 the church's membership list says he was "in fellowship."[23]

Aaron received eighty acres of land in Adams from his father, Valentine, on 3 April 1790, "for natural love and affection."[24] He sold that land to his brother Nathan on 31 December 1790 for £160.[25] Aaron must have acquired other land by an unrecorded deed, because when he bought twenty acres back from Nathan on 5 January 1803 for $333.33, it was "bordering Aaron Bowen's land."[26] In preparation for his move to New York State, on 4 September 1809 Aaron sold "all the land I won [*sic*, own] now in Cheshire" to Elijah Burt for $2,500.[27]

Aaron Bowen "of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Massachusetts," bought fifty acres in Aurelius from Anson and Deborah Bristol on 4 November 1809 and on 21 November bought an adjoining fifty acres from Job Bristol; the properties cost $1,000 each.[28]

In the 1810 census, Aaron Bowen's household at Aurelius included one male over 45, one male 10–16, one male 16–26, and one female over 45.[29] In the household for the 1820 census of Aurelius there was one male over 45, one male 16–18, two males 18–26, one female under

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[19] Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., 12: 15.

[20] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., examined at the church (32 North Street, Cheshire, Mass., 01225), 73.

[21] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., 71–72.

[22] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., no page number.

[23] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., 86.

[24] Berkshire Co., Mass. Deeds, Northern District, 3: 63.

[25] Berkshire Co., Mass. Deeds, Northern District, 3: 19.

[26] Berkshire Co., Mass. Deeds, Northern District, 15: 99.

[27] Berkshire Co., Mass. Deeds, Northern District, 19: 18. No acreage was stated. Elijah may have been the husband of Aaron's dau. Lucy.

[28] Cayuga Co. Deeds, J: 289, 290.

[29] 1810 U.S. Census, Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 31, p. 120.

10, one female 10–16, one female 16–26, and one female 26–45.[30] In 1823 the town of Fleming was created from Aurelius,[31] and in 1830 at Fleming the household of Aaron "Boin" contained one male 70–80, one male 20–30, one male 5–10, one female 10–15, one female 20–30, and one female 40–50.[32] On 17 September 1832 Aaron Bowen applied for a pension based on his Revolutionary War service.[33]

Aaron's will, signed 1 July 1838 and proved 20 May 1839, named his wife Abigail, his sons Seth Bowen and John Smith Bowen, and his daughters Phebe Morse, Lucy Burt, and Amy and Elizabeth Bowen.[34] Son Seth was inexplicably named as executor, but he had died in 1830. (Perhaps that was copied from an older will.) So Aaron's wife Abigail was appointed an executrix, with Joseph Martin an executor.[35]

His widow, Abigail, was the head of the household at Fleming in 1840.[36] On 27 March 1855 she applied for a pension based on her husband's Revolutionary War service.[37] She lived with their son John Smith Bowen at Fleming at the time of the 1850 census, aged 67, her birthplace Rhode Island.[38] At age 77, she was still with him there in 1860 as "Abbeygal Bowin."[39] The name given her son suggests that her father's name was John Smith.

Children of Aaron and Lucy (May) Bowen, born at Adams or Cheshire:

i. **Seth[7] Bowen**, b. ca. 1782; d. at Fleming 8 May 1830 "at age 48";[40] bur. in Galpin Hill Cemetery, Fleming;[41] m., intentions at Cheshire, 6 Sept. 1801, **Sally Vaughn**,[42] b. in Vermont ca. 1781,

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[30] 1820 U.S. Census, Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 68, p. 45.

[31] J. H. French, *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State* (Syracuse, N.Y.: R. P. Smith, 1859; repr. Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1980), 201.

[32] 1830 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 88, p. 212.

[33] Revolutionary War Pension file, Aaron Bowen, W25263.

[34] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Wills, 4: 5.

[35] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Letters Testamentary and Administrations, A2: 413.

[36] 1840 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 269, p. 160.

[37] Revolutionary War Pension file, Aaron Bowen, W25263.

[38] 1850 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 483, p. 206.

[39] 1860 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 729, p. 578.

[40] Barbara Fairley, "New York Bowens," *Bowen News Exchange* 4 [1995]: 2–3; *Biographical Review of the Leading Citizens of Cayuga Co., New York*, 400, has his age but not his date of death. Birth date calculated from age at death.

[41] *Findagrave.com*, no photograph included.

[42] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," microfiche (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), 3: 34.

d. at Fleming 1 Feb. 1827,[43] "at age 46,"[44] and was bur. with Seth.[45] He and his family accompanied his father on the move to New York about 1810.[46] In the 1810 census of Aurelius, Seth Bowen headed a household with one male 26–45, two males under 10, one female under 10, and one female 26–45.[47] Seth bought fifty-five acres of land in Aurelius 14 Jan. 1813 for $650, thirteen acres there 29 Jan. 1818 for $450, and thirty-nine acres there 5 Sept. 1822 for $930.[48] In the 1820 census of Aurelius, Seth's household contained one male over 45, one male under 10, two males 10–16, three females under 10, one female 16–26, and one female 26–45.[49] He died intestate, and his estate was probated 2 June 1830, with Joseph Martin and Aaron "Brown" appointed administrators.[50]

ii. **Phebe Bowen**, b. before 1800, based on her mother's age; m. before 1 July 1838, ____ **Morse**.[51]

iii. **Lucy Bowen**, b. before 1800, based on her mother's age; m. before 1 July 1838, ____ **Burt**.[52]

iv. **Amy Bowen**,[53] b. ca. 1798–1800;[54] d. 22 Aug. 1882, aged 81 years, bur. in Galpin Hill Cemetery, Fleming.[55] She was in the household of her half-brother John Smith Bowen in 1850, aged 50; in 1860, aged 62; in 1870, aged 71; and she was still living, unmarried, with him at Fleming in 1879[56] and in 1880, aged 82.

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[43] Fairley, "New York Bowens," *Bowen News Exchange* 4: 2–3.

[44] Biographical Review of the Leading Citizens of Cayuga Co., New York, 400, has her age at death but not the date. Birth date calculated from age at death.

[45] Fairley, "New York Bowens," *Bowen News Exchange* 4: 2–3.

[46] *Biographical Review of the Leading Citizens of Cayuga Co., New York*, 399–400.

[47] 1810 U.S. Census, Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 31, p. 1208.

[48] Cayuga Co. Deeds, N: 81, T: 273; Y: 432–433.

[49] 1820 U.S. Census, Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 68, p. 45.

[50] Cayuga Co. Probate, A2: 413. The administrator Aaron "Brown" was probably Seth's father, Aaron Bowen.

[51] Named in her father's 1838 will as Phebe Morse (Cayuga Co. Probate, Wills, 4:5).

[52] Named in her father's 1838 will as Lucy Burt (Cayuga Co. Probate, Wills, 4:5).

[53] Aaron's 1838 will (made while his second wife was still living) says, "to my third daughter Amy Bowen I give and bequeath all the beds and bedding she has made since her mothers death."

[54] She was age 50, b. in Mass., in the 1850 census, when she lived in the household of her brother John Smith Bowen at Fleming and age 82 when in his household in 1880 (see below).

[55] *Findagrave.com*, includes a photograph.

[56] Elliot G. Storke, *History of Cayuga County, New York, 1789–1879* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1879), 378.

Children of Aaron and Abigail (Smith) Bowen, born at Fleming:

i. **John Smith Bowen**, b. in New York 15 May 1824; d. 25 Jan. 1896, bur. in Galpin Hill Cemetery, Fleming;[57] m. **Helen E.** ___,[58] b. 12 May 1825, d. 15 Jan. 1890, and bur. in Galpin Hill Cemetery.[59] The 1850 census of Fleming showed him, aged 26, b. N.Y., as head of a household containing his apparent wife Helen, 25, b. N.Y., his mother Abigail Bowen, and his half-sister Amy Bowen.[60] The 1860 census of Fleming found John "Bowin" to be 35, b. N.Y., with Helen E., 34, b. N.Y., "Abbeygal," 77, b. R.I.; and Anna [*sic*], 62, b. Mass.[61] In 1870 there he was aged 46, with Helen aged 45, and "Ama" 71.[62] He was still living at Fleming in 1879, aged 82 [*sic*].[63] In 1880 at Fleming, John S. was 56, a farmer, with wife Helen, aged 55, sister Amy Bowen, aged 82, and mother-in-law Martha Simmons, aged 84, b. Conn.[64]

ii. **Elizabeth Bowen**, b. 1 June 1825; d. 11 Nov. 1881, bur. in Galpin Hill Cemetery, Fleming;[65] m. 1 June 1849,[66] **Leonard Simons**, b. in New York 16 Sept. 1815, probably son of Chauncey and Martha (___) Simons.[67] He d. 1 Nov. 1891[68] and bur. in Galpin Hill Cemetery.[69] In 1850 at Springport, Cayuga Co., Leonard Simons was 32, a boatman, with Elizabeth 29, Irving 9, Eveline 6,[70] which suggests they were married earlier or he had had a previous

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[57] *Findagrave.com*, as J. Smith Bowen.

[58] 1850–1860 census (see below).

[59] *Findagrave.com*.

[60] 1850 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 483, p. 206.

[61] 1860 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 729, p. 578.

[62] 1870 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 910, p. 347.

[63] Storke, *History of Cayuga County, New York*, 378. His age, given there as 82, conflicts with his ages in the census.

[64] 1880 U.S. Census, Fleming, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 814, E.D. 20, p. 50B. Helen's parents were born in Mass. and Conn.

[65] *Findagrave.com*, which has no photo and is not necessarily beside Leonard. DAR membership application, Jeanne Tower Allyn, National #509222, claims that she died in Chicago, Ill., 4 July 1897. Note that this source also has a differing date for her mother.

[66] DAR membership application, Jeanne Tower Allyn, National #509222.

[67] Chauncy and Martha are buried with Leonard in the Galpin Hill Cemetery (*findagrave.com*).

[68] DAR membership application, Jeanne Tower Allyn, National #509222.

[69] *Findagrave.com*, which includes a photo of the gravestone.

[70] 1850 U.S. Census, Springport, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 483, p. 266.

marriage. In 1880 at Evanston, Ill., Leonard Simons was aged 65, a "com. merchant," b. N.Y., his father b.Vt., with Elizabeth, aged 60, b. N.Y., her parents b. R.I. [*sic*].[71] An 1882–83 Evanston directory lists Leonard Simons, "com. mer. city," at 229 Judson Ave., and in 1889 a Leonard Simons was listed at Hyde Park.[72] When their daughter Laura Simons was born, they were living at Union Springs, N.Y.,[73] which is in the town of Springport, Cayuga Co.[74] Laura married in Cook Co., Ill., 18 Nov. 1873 James A. Tower,[75] but the family has not been found in Cook Co. in the 1860 or 1870 census.

William B. Saxbe Jr., of Williamstown, Massachusetts, studies the descendants of Richard[1] Bowen.

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[71] 1880 U.S. Census, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill., roll 201, E.D. 217, p. 255B.

[72] *Connerton's Evanston Directory, 1882–83*, 98; *The Hyde Park Directory, 1889* (Chicago: R. R. Donnelly, 1889), 271, online at *Ancestry.com* in *U.S. City Directories* [database online] (Provo, Utah: *Ancestry.com* Operations, Inc., 2010).

[73] *Lineage Book of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* 39 (Washington, D.C., 1914), 14.

[74] French, *Gazetteer*, 205.

[75] Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, from Cook Co. Marriages, vol. 84, license 13098.

Bowen, Benajah

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Adams, Berkshire County[1]

By William B. Saxbe, Jr., CG, FASG

Benajah[6] Bowen was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 3 May 1763, son of Valentine[5] Bowen (*Hezekiah[4], Obadiah[3–2], Richard[1]*) and Jemima (Martin) Bowen. [See separate sketch.][2] He died at Lysander or Granby, Oswego County, New York, on 20 July 1848.[3] He married **Hannah Cody**, possibly at New Providence (an old name for Cheshire) or Adams, Berkshire County, about 1786.[4] She may have been the daughter of Permelia (Owen) Cody and possibly was born at Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.[5] But more likely she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Parmenter) Cody, born at Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, 1 April 1771, and sister of Martha "Patty" Cody who married Benajah's brother Elijah Bowen.[6] She died at Granby in 1836.[7]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23, listed as "Benager" Bowen.

2 H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 262 (as "Bennajah"), 277 (as "Benjajah").

3 Hubert Bowen ms. (see the Joseph Bowen sketch for a discussion of this source); Barbara Fairley, "New York Bowens," *Bowen News Exchange* 4 [Oct. 1995]: 2–3 at 3, says Lysander; D. D. Hughes and W. H. Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families* (Charleston, S.C.: Garnier and Co., 1877; repr. 1968), 188, says at Granby.

4 Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, which says married at Cheshire.

5 Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, which says only that she was sister of Patty Cody, who married Benajah's brother Elijah [see separate sketch]. Although a possible birth record for Patty is found in the Hopkinton vital records, there is none for Hannah, and there are no Owen records at all in Hopkinton.

6 Lydia S. Cody, *The Cody Family in America, 1698, Descendants of Philip and Martha, Massachusetts* (Kissimmee, Fla.: Cody Publications, 1954), 11–12, 22–23, which contains a great deal of detail about the family; *Vital Records of Mendon, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1920), 49 (birth); *Vital Records of Upton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1904), 88 (parents' marriage.)

7 Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188.

Benajah Bowen enlisted for military service on 13 October 1781 and served until 29 October 1781.[8] About 1791 he moved from Adams, to Utica, Oneida County, New York, and about 1795 to Marcellus in Onondaga County, New York.[9] According to a history of Marcellus, it was 1794 when "two families by the name of Bowen and one by the name of Cody located at Clintonville, not far from the center of the town."[10]

On 5 June 1797, Benajah was named in the will of his father, Valentine Bowen.[11] He bought 100 acres of land at Marcellus from Asa Danforth of Onondaga County on 8 May 1798 for $150. On the same day he and his brother Elijah together bought an adjacent 600 acres from Danforth for $355.[12]

The 1800 census found him at Marcellus with one male 26–45, two males under 10, one male 10–16, one female under 10, two females 10–16, and one female 26–45.[13] In 1810 his household in Marcellus contained one male over 45, two males under 10, one male 10–16, two males 16–26, one female under 10, two females 16–26, and one female 26–45.[14]

In 1817 Benajah moved from Marcellus some twenty miles north to Granby in Oswego County,[15] where his wife's brother Joseph also lived.[16] In the 1820 census of Granby there was in his household one male over 45, two males 10–16, one male 16–26, one female 16–26, and one female over 45.[17] In the 1830 census of Granby the family consisted of one male 60–70, two males 20–30, one female under 5, two females 10–16, one female 20–30, and one female 60–70.[18] He sold one-third

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[8] Ellen M. Raynor and Emma L. Petitclerc, *History of the Town of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass.* (Holyoke, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1885), 56, 207; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 2: 322. His name was given as "Benjamin" Bowen in both sources.

[9] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, which says he moved from Cheshire, but that town was not incorporated until 1793.

[10] Israel Parsons, *The Centennial History of the Town of Marcellus* (Marcellus, N.Y.: Reed's Printing House, 1878), 8.

[11] Berkshire Co. Probate, 9: 527–28.

[12] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds, G: 493. These were originally Onondaga Co. deeds.

[13] 1800 U.S. Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 24, pp. 160–61, as "Benji."

[14] 1810 U.S. Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 34, p. 49.

[15] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188.

[16] Cody, *Cody Family*, 22.

[17] 1820 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 79, p. 13, as "Benajah Bowin."

[18] 1830, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 115, p. 173.

of an acre in the adjacent town of Ira, Cayuga County, on 1 July 1834, for $140.[19] The 1840 census found the family still at Granby, headed by Benajah "Bourn," with one male 70–80, two males 30–40, one male 40–50, one female 5–10, one female 10–16, one female 16–20, two females 20–30, and one female 30–40.[20]

On 24 May 1847 "Bennajah" of Granby made his will, naming his daughter Leonora Burton and her husband, Collin Burton; his daughter Anna [*sic*] Johnson; his four sons Zolva [*sic*], Jenkins, Philonzo, and Merrick; the children and grandchildren of his deceased daughter, Arvilla Camp; and several other granddaughters and great-granddaughters.[21] The will was apparently not proved, since administrators for the estate were appointed on 6 November 1848; nevertheless, an executor's seal was placed upon the probate packet on 2 April 1849.[22]

Children of Benajah and Hannah (Cody) Bowen:[23]

i. **Zalva** or **Zolva**[7] **Bowen**, b. at Adams 12 Oct. 1787;[24] d. 31 May 1863, aged 75 years 7 months 19 days, bur. in Spencer Cemetery in Washtenaw Co., Mich.;[25] m. **Ann Mathews**,[26] b. ca. 2 April 1792, d. 12 Dec. 1823, aged 31 years 8 months 10 days, and bur. in Spencer Cemetery.[27] The marriage was probably before 1820, when the census found him heading a family at Granby with one male 26–45, one male under 10, and one female 16–26.[28] On 1 Oct. 1827, Zalva Bowen was issued a patent for eighty acres in section 22, township 2-S, range 7E in Washtenaw Co.[29] In 1830 at

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[19] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds UU: 5. Benajah signed the deed by mark; his wife, Hannah, cosigned. The deed by which Benajah acquired this property was apparently not recorded.

[20] 1840 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 325, p. 18.

[21] *Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787–1835*, database online at *AmericanAncestors.org*, from material compiled by William A. D. Eardeley, now held by the Brooklyn Historical Society, from Oswego Co., N.Y., Wills C: 161–64.

[22] Ibid., from Oswego Co. Probate, Letters Testamentary & Administrations, B: 300.

[23] Listed in Cody, *Cody Family*, 22–23.

[24] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 194; matches his age at death.

[25] *Findagrave.com*, his name spelled "Zolva," husband of Ann Bowen.

[26] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 194.

[27] *Findagrave.com*, "Wife of Zolva Bowen," the cemetery said to be "defunct."

[28] 1820 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 79, p. 13.

[29] *Ancestry.com*, *U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796–1907*, database online (Provo, Utah: *Ancestry.com* Operations Inc., 2008), original data from United States Bureau

Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Co., "Zolva" Bowen had a male under 10, one 10–16, himself 30–40, a female under 10, one 15–20 and one 20–30.[30] In 1840 Z. Bowen was at Ypsilanti, aged 50–60, with a female 40–50,[31] but he has not been found in the 1850 census. Apparently he had a second wife.

ii. **Amy Bowen**, b. at Adams 1789; d. in New York 1853; m., probably before 1824, **Lewis Johnson**.[32] She was named in her father's 1847 will as "Anna" Johnson. In 1850 Amy Johnson, aged 60, b. Mass., was living at Granby with Boughton Johnson, aged 26, blacksmith, b. N.Y.[33]

iii. **Arvilla Bowen**, b. at Utica 1794; d. at Granby 1822; m. at Marcellus 1812, **Seth Camp**,[34] b. 1783, d. 8 June 1837, and bur. in Old Marcellus Village Cemetery.[35] Seth Camp headed a family at Granby in 1820 with three males 26–45, one male 16–18, one male 18–26, three females under 10, and one female 26–45.[36] On 24 May 1847, his late wife was named as Arvilla Camp, deceased, in her father's will.

iv. **Jenkins Bowen**, b. at Utica either 1793 or 28 March 1794;[37] m. in Onondaga Co. 4 Jan. 1819, **Catharine Gordon**[38] of Granby,[39] who d., probably at Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N.Y., between 1850 and 1860.[40] Jenkins Bowen served in John Peterson's N.Y. Militia

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of Land Management, General Land Office Records. Automated Records Project; Federal Land Patents, State Volumes at *http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/* (Springfield, Va.: Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 2007).

[30] 1830 U.S. Census, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Co., Mich., roll 69, p. 147.

[31] 1840 U.S. Census, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Co., Mich., roll 211, p. 110.

[32] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 194, which says they m. 1831. But if she was the mother of the Broughton Johnson in the 1850 census, she was married by 1824.

[33] 1850 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 576, p. 24.

[34] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 195.

[35] *Findagrave.com*, but Arvilla is not listed there.

[36] 1820 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 79, p. 13.

[37] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 194. This source gives both dates. Note the apparent conflict with his sister Arvilla's birth date.

[38] Virgil D. White, *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files*, 3 vols. (Waynesboro, Tenn.: National Historical Publishing Co., 1969), 1: 210; Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 194–95.

[39] Hubert Bowen ms. See the Valentine Bowen sketch for a discussion of this source.

[40] In 1850 at Syracuse, Ward 2, Jenkins Bowen was 56, Catherine 54, and children were ages 12 to 25 (1850 U.S. Census, Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 569, p. 138). In 1860 Jenkins Bowen, aged 66, clerk, was living in a boardinghouse in Syracuse (1860

in the War of 1812.[41] The family was at Granby in 1820, with one male 26–45, 1 female under 10, and one female 26–45.[42] He was living at Syracuse in 1877.[43] In 1880 at Syracuse, Jenkins Bowen, aged 86, widower, "does nothing," was living in a boardinghouse.[44]

v. **Ira Bowen**, b. at Marcellus 1796. The Hughes family history says he d. at Granby 1820, unmarried,[45] but the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Granby show a young, apparently widowed Maryann or Mary Bowen with several children who cannot be otherwise related to the local Bowens.[46]

vi. **Leonora Bowen**, b. at Marcellus 1802;[47] d. 28 Feb. 1868;[48] m., probably at Granby, by 1826, **Collin(s) Burton**,[49] b. at Granby 18 Dec. 1797, and d. 1 Aug. 1873.[50] Leonora was named in her father's 1847 will as Leonora, wife of Collin Burton. In 1850 at Granby, Collins Burton was 52, with Leonora 48, and three others.[51]

vii. **Philonzo Bowen**, b. at Marcellus 20 Jan. 1806;[52] d. at Paris Twp., Kent Co., Mich., 8 April 1883, aged 77 years 2 months 19 days, bur. in Pine Hill Cemetery in Paris;[53] m. 20 Oct. 1846, **Celestia Lucina Perkins** of Oswego,[54] b. at Oswego 31 March 1820, d. 5

U.S. Census, roll 830, p. 931).

[41] White, *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files*, 1: 210.

[42] 1820 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 79, p. 13.

[43] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 194.

[44] 1880 U.S. Census, Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 908, E.D. 217, p. 390A.

[45] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188.

[46] 1820 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 79, p. 13; 1830 U.S. Census, Granby, roll 115, p. 177.

[47] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188.

[48] Randi T. Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants of Thomas Rogers (with Bowen and Barnum Allied Families" (New York, 1980), typescript at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, now at the New York City Public Library, E-11.

[49] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188; Hubert Bowen ms. In 1850 at Granby, Harriet Burton, probably a daughter, was aged 23, thus born ca. 1827 (see below).

[50] Hubert Bowen ms.

[51] 1850 U.S. Census, Granby, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 576, p. 21.

[52] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188.

[53] *Grand Rapids Eagle*, extract online at *www.migenweb.net/kent/deaths/greagle/1883-1884.html*, viewed 4 April 2011; "Pine Hill Cemetery," Paris Township, Kent Co., Mich., online at *http://kent.migenweb.net/cemeteries/paris/pinehill/ad.html*, viewed 4 April 2011; Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 195–96; Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-12.

[54] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 196; DAR membership applica-

April 1890, aged 70 years 5 days, and bur. in Pine Hill Cemetery.[55] Philonzo moved to Mecosta Co., Mich., in 1834.[56] In 1880 at Paris, Philonzo was aged 74 and Lucina 60, both b. N.Y., with three children, all b. Mich.[57]

viii. **Merrick Bowen**, b. at Marcellus 24 July 1808;[58] d. 23 Nov. 1887, bur. in Gaines Cemetery in Kent Co.;[59] living at Corinth, Kent Co., 1877;[60] m. **Caroline Cady**,[61] b. New York 5 March 1819, d. 31 Jan. 1902, and bur. with Merrick. In 1880 at Gaines, Kent Co., Merrick was 71, a farmer, with wife Caroline, aged 69, b. N.Y., and son Benajah 26, farmer, b. Mich.[62]

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tion of her granddaughter, Blanche L. Clark Bewley, National #75335 (*Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* 76 [1925]:122).

[55] "Pine Hill Cemetery," Paris Township, Kent Co., Mich., called "Celestia, w. of Philonzo," online as above.

[56] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 195.

[57] 1880 U.S. Census, Paris, Kent Co., Mich., roll 587, E.D. 128, p. 112D.

[58] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188; the full date from his gravestone.

[59] Photographs online at *http://www.usgwarchives.org/mi/tsphoto/kent/gaines.htm*.

[60] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 196; Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-12.

[61] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-12.

[62] 1880 U.S. Census, Gaines, Kent Co., Mich., roll 588, E.D. 131, p. 167A.

Bowen, Elijah

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Adams, Berkshire County[1]

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Elijah[6] **Bowen** was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 10 November 1756, son of Valentine[5] Bowen (*Hezekiah*[4], *Obadiah*[3–2], *Richard*[1]) and Jemima (Martin) Bowen.[2] [See separate sketch.] He died on 20 May 1807 and was buried in the Thorn Hill Cemetery at Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York.[3]

He married, possibly at New Providence (the former name of Cheshire), Berkshire County, about 1780, **Martha "Patty" Cody**.[4] She was possibly born at Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, 8 September 1761, the daughter of Permelia (Owen) Cody.[5] But more likely she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Parmenter) Cody, born Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, 7 September 1761, and sis-

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

2 H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 67; D. D. Hughes and W. H. Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families* (Charleston, S.C.: Garnier & Co., 1877, repr. 1968), 185.

3 Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187, 21; Lydia S. Cody, *The Cody Family in America, 1698, Descendants of Philip and Martha, Massachusetts* (Kissimmee, Fla.: Cody Publications, 1954), 21; "Cemetery Transcriptions from the NEHGS Manuscript Collection," online at *AmericanAncestors.*

4 Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187.

5 Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 185–86; Elijah Bowen file, AO12680, Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Washington, D.C., available via the "Genealogical Research System" at *www.dar.org/library*. The Hughes genealogy and the DAR file give only Patty Cody's mother's name, Permelia (Owen). In the vital records of Hopkinton is found the baptism of a Patty Cody, dau. of Jonathan Cody, on 16 Oct. 1761. (*Vital Records of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1911], 58.) Her mother's name was not given, and the only close marriage record for a Jonathan Cody was to Sarah Twiswell or Frizzel on 20 Jan. 1760 (*Vital Records of Hopkinton*, 252).

ter of Hannah Cody who married Elijah's brother Benajah Bowen.[6] She died at Camillus, Onondaga County, on 15 July 1851, aged 90, and was buried with her husband.[7]

Elijah Bowen enlisted for military service 14 August 1777 and served six days in the Berkshire County force at the Battle of Bennington, 14–19 August, in Capt. Samuel Low's Company, Col. Simond's Regiment.[8] He served in the same unit in response to "an alarm to the northward by order of General Fellows" in October 1780.[9] In 1783 and 1790 he was chosen a surveyor of the highways by the town of Adams, to which his family had moved from Swansea in the 1770s.[10] Their father, Valentine Bowen, deeded Elijah and his brothers Aaron, Nathan, and Hezekiah property at Adams (an area later at Cheshire) on 3 April 1790; Nathan witnessed the deed to Elijah.[11] On 2 May 1793 Elijah sold the eighty acres he had received from his father to Elisha Wells for £210,[12] after which he and his family moved to Skaneateles, Onondaga County.[13] However, Skaneateles was not formed from the town of Marcellus until 1830, Marcellus itself having been formed in 1794. In that year "two families by the name of Bowen and one by the name of Cody located at Clintonville, not far from the center of the town."[14]

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[6] Cody, *Cody Family*, 11–12, 21, which contains a great deal of detail about the family; *Vital Records of Mendon, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1920), 49 (birth); *Vital Records of Upton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1904), 88 (parents' marriage).

[7] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187; Cody, *Cody Family*, 21; "New York Cemetery Transcriptions," from the NEHGS Manuscript Collection, at *AmericanAncestors.org*. The town of Camillus was formed from the town of Marcellus in 1799.

[8] Ellen M. Raynor and Emma L. Petitclerc, *History of the Town of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass.* (Holyoke, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1885), 206; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 2: 324.

[9] Raynor and Petitclerc, *History of the Town of Cheshire*, 207.

[10] Adams, Mass., Town Book, 1: 35, 86.

[11] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 1: 448; 2: 194; 16: 125.

[12] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 3: 179. Both parties were of Cheshire. Wife Martha Bowen cosigned the deed.

[13] Randi T. Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants of Thomas Rogers (with Bowen and Barnum Allied Families," typescript at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, now at the New York City Public Library (New York, 1980), E-11.

[14] Israel Parsons, *The Centennial History of the Town of Marcellus* (Marcellus, N.Y.: Reed's Printing House, 1878), 8.

On 5 June 1797 Elijah was named in the will of his father, Valentine Bowen.[15] On 8 May 1798 he bought 200 acres of land at Marcellus from Asa Danforth for $300, as well as a half-interest in 600 acres for $355 from Danforth, which Elijah bought together with his brother Benajah Bowen.[16]

In the 1800 census of Marcellus, Elijah's household consisted of one male 26–45, two males under 10, one male 10–16, one female under 10, one female 10–16, and one female 26–45.[17] Elijah Bowen signed his will on 20 May 1807, the day of his death, and named his wife, Patty; his sons Elijah and Valentine; his daughters Sophronia (eldest), Hannah (2nd), Delina (3rd), Lucina (4th), Lovisa (5th), and Laura (6th); his youngest son, Almeron (under 21); and his grandson Alpha M. D. Thompson. The executors were his wife and his sons Elijah and Valentine. The will was proved in Onondaga County on 20 June 1807.[18]

Patty Bowen was the head of a household at Marcellus for the 1810 census, with one female over 45, one male 16–20, two females 10–16, and one female 16–26.[19] She was still head of an expanded household there in 1830, with one female 60–70, one male under 5, one male 5–10, three males 15–20, one female 10–15, and one female 20–30.[20] She is not identifiable on the 1840 census of Marcellus or Camillus and is not in the census indices for New York in 1850.

Children of Elijah and Martha "Patty" (Cody) Bowen:[21]

i. **Elijah**[7] **Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 1782; d. in Wisconsin 3 Jan. 1861;[22] m. 1804, **Sylvia Foster**,[23] b. 1786 and d. Nov. 1863.[24]

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[15] Berkshire County Probate, 9: 527.

[16] Cayuga County, N.Y., Deeds, G:492, 493. These Onondaga Co. deeds were recorded in Cayuga Co.

[17] 1800 U.S. Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 24, pp. 160–61.

[18] *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, online database at *AmericanAncestors.org*, NEHGS, 2004), from an unpublished typescript compiled by Minnie L. C. Coleman. "Abstracts of Wills, Onondaga County, New York," 7 vol., 1933), from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, A: 72–75.

[19] 1810 U.S. Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 34, p. 48.

[20] 1830 U.S Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 100, p. 227.

[21] Listed in Cody, *Cody Family*, 21.

[22] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187–88. The Hughes family history is contradictory: it says that Elijah Bowen was born in 1782 and died 3 Jan. 1861, aged 82 years 10 months. This age at death suggests a birth date circa March 1778.

[23] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187–88.

[24] DAR file for Elijah Bowen, AO12680.

Administration of the estate of William Foster of Marcellus, intestate, was granted to Elijah Bowen of Marcellus 23 April 1813.[25] Elijah was "of Brutus," Cayuga Co., when he mortgaged to Lyman Treat of Mentz, Cayuga Co., 24¾ acres, part of lot #95 at Brutus, 29 Dec. 1817.[26] The 1820 census found him the head of a household at Marcellus with one male 26–45, four males under 10, one male 16–26, one female under 10, two females 10–16, one female 16–26, and one female 26–45.[27] On 13 Sept. 1825 Elijah was made coexecutor of the estate of his brother Almeron at Marcellus.[28]

ii. **Valentine Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 1783; d. in Pennsylvania 1870; m. 1806, **Mary Rathbone**.[29] He is said to have "moved to Pennsylvania early in life."[30] He was named in his brother Almeron's 1825 will.[31] He appeared in the 1810 census of Marcellus heading a household with one male 26–45, two males under 10, and one female 26–45.[32]

iii. **Sophronia Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 25 July 1784; d. at Camillus, Onondaga Co., 10 Sept. 1863;[33] m. 12 March 1800 "at her father's home" at Marcellus, **William Wheeler**, b. at Rutland, Rutland Co., Vt., 9 Oct. 1774, and d. at Camillus 23 Jan. 1854. He was an innkeeper at Camillus.[34]

iv. **Hannah Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 2 April 1786.[35] She is said to have accompanied her second husband, Henry Hughes, to Michigan, where she d. at Bellevue, Eaton Co., 8 Aug. 1841, and was buried

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[25] Onondaga Co. Probate, Letters of Administration, 4: 6.

[26] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Mortgage Book, F: 286.

[27] 1820 U.S. Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 67, p. 241.

[28] Kathy Barnello, "*Wills D* from the Onondaga County Surrogate's Office," *Tree Talks* [Quarterly of the Central New York Genealogical Society] 35 [1995]:157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42,

[29] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187.

[30] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 189.

[31] *Tree Talks* 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

[32] 1810 U.S. Census, Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., roll 34, p. 49.

[33] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187, 189–90.

[34] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 189–90.

[35] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188.

with him.[36] She m. (1) "at her home" at Marcellus, 22 Aug. 1805, **David Earll**, "a farmer from Otisco [Onondaga Co.], New York,"[37] b., probably in Albany Co. or Washington Co., N.Y.,[38] 17 Nov. 1782, the son of Jonas and Experience (Sprague) Earll.[39] David d. at Otisco in 1816.[40] Hannah m. (2) at Camillus March 1822, as his second wife, **Henry Hughes**, b. at East Haven, New Haven Co., Conn., 10 May 1777, bp. at Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn., 6 June 1778, and d. at Bellevue 14 Dec. 1848.[41] Her children were named in the 1825 will of her brother Almeron.[42]

v. **Delina Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 1788; d. at Monticello, Wright Co., Minn., 22 Nov. 1858; m. at Marcellus 1803, **Dr. David Kingsbury**, b. ca. 19 Aug. 1776, d. at Clintonville (Marcellus) 7 March 1841,[43] and bur. in Thorn Hill Cemetery at Marcellus.[44] Delina's children were named in her brother Almeron's 1825 will.[45]

vi. **Lucina Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 1791; d., probably at Camillus, 15 Sept. 1865;[46] m., probably at Marcellus or Camillus, 1813, **Isaac Agar Hawley**,[47] b., probably at Monroe, then part of Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn., 22 June 1786, the son of Agur and Anna

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[36] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 50–51. However, there is a gravestone for "Anna (Bowen) Earll" in the Thorn Hill Cemetery at Marcellus, N.Y., indicating that she died 2 Feb. 1842, aged 86, and was buried there as wife of David Earll ("New York Cemetery Transcriptions," from the NEHGS Manuscript Collection, at *AmericanAncestors.org*), "Anna" is a frequent variant of "Hannah," but if read correctly, her age at death suggests a much older woman.

[37] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 190.

[38] Frank J. Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, 9 vols. to date (Pleasant Valley, N.Y.: the author, 1990–2007), 4: 630–31, which spells the name "Earl."

[39] Doherty, *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, 4: 630–31.

[40] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 190.

[41] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 47, 50–52.

[42] Tree Talks 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

[43] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 191, his birth date calculated from his age at death.

[44] "New York Cemetery Transcriptions," from the New England Historic Genealogical Society [NEHGS] Manuscript Collection, at *AmericanAncestors.org*.

[45] *Tree Talks* 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

[46] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 192.

[47] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 191–92.

(Hinman) Hawley,[48] and d. at Camillus 10 March 1827.[49] Lucina was named in her brother Almeron's 1825 will.[50]

vii. **Almeron Bowen**, b. at Cheshire or at Pompey, Onondaga Co., ca. 1794;[51] d. at Marcellus 27 Sept. 1825, aged 31, bur. in Thorn Hill Cemetery.[52] His will, signed 13 Sept. 1825, named his mother, Patty Bowen; his brothers Elijah and Valentine; his sisters Lucina Hawley, Lovisa Fay, and Laura Bowen; and several nieces and nephews who were children of his sisters Hannah Hughes and Delina Kingsbury. The executors were his brother Elijah Bowen and his brother-in-law Isaac Hawley. The will was proved in Onondaga Co. 29 Oct. 1825.[53]

viii. **Lovisa Bowen**, b. at Marcellus 7 Jun. 1797;[54] living with a son at Fulton, Oswego Co., N.Y., 1877;[55] m. 23 Feb. 1820, **Dr. Anson Fay** of Fulton,[56] b. at Barnard, Windsor Co., Vt., 22 Feb. 1789, son of Anson and Molly (Hatch) Fay.[57] He d. at Fulton 24 Sept. 1849, following a fall from a horse.[58] Lovisa was named in her brother Almeron's 1825 will.[59]

ix. **Laura Bowen**, b. at Marcellus 1800; living with a son in Grass Lake, Jackson Co., Mich., 1877; m. (1) ca. 1825, **George Clarke**,[60]

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[48] Elias Sill Hawley, *The Hawley Record* (Buffalo, N.Y.: E. H. Hutchinson, 1890), 282–84.

[49] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 191; Hubert Bowen, "Research Material of Hubert Bowen," (Salt Lake City, Utah, Genealogical Society of Utah, 2002) FHL film 2,406,017, item 5. See the Joseph Bowen sketch for further description of this source.

[50] *Tree Talks* 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

[51] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187 says Cheshire, and 196 says Pompey. Almeron was sometimes spelled "Almerin."

[52] "New York Cemetery Transcriptions," from the NEHGS Manuscript Collection, at *AmericanAncestors.org*, spelled "Almerin"; Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 196. The latter page gives 7 Sept. 1825 as the date of death, but that was before his will was signed.

[53] *Tree Talks* 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

[54] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187–88.

[55] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 193.

[56] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 192–93.

[57] Hubert Bowen ms.

[58] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 193.

[59] *Tree Talks* 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

[60] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 187–88, 193–94.

b. 1800[61] and d. shortly following the marriage; no children.[62] Laura m. (2) 1827, **Salmon Squires Merriman** of Otisco, b. ca. 1801 and d. at Gainesville, Hall Co., Ga., 1842. The family lived at Lafayette 1827–29, Syracuse 1829–37, and Elbridge 1837–42, all in Onondaga Co.[63] Laura was named in her brother Almeron's 1825 will.[64]

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[61] Hubert Bowen ms.

[62] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 193.

[63] Hughes and Hughes, *Hughes and Allied Families*, 188, 193–94. His birth year was calculated from his age at death.

[64] *Tree Talks* 35: 157–58; *Abstracts of Wills in Onondaga County, New York, 1791–1841*, from Onondaga Co., N.Y., Probate, Wills, D: 139–42.

Bowen, Hezekiah
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Adams, Berkshire County[1]

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Hezekiah[6] **Bowen** was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 27 December 1748, son of Valentine[5] Bowen (*Hezekiah*[4], *Obadiah*[3–2], *Richard*[1]) and Jemima (Martin) Bowen.[2] [See separate sketch.] He died at Cheshire, Berkshire County, on 11 May 1809.[3]

He married, probably at New Providence (the forerunner of Cheshire), Berkshire County, **Susanna Edwards**.[4] She was born on 24 March 1751 and died at Sennett, Cayuga County, New York, on 9 April 1831. Susanna (Edwards) Bowen was buried in a family cemetery on the Joseph Remington farm at Brutus, Cayuga County.[5]

Hezekiah Bowen enlisted for military service in Berkshire County on 5 September 1777 and served for 27 days.[6] He was baptized in the

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

2 H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1992), 82; Henry J. Martin, *Notes Genealogical and Historical of the Martin Family of New England* (Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1880), 87–88.

3 Randi T. Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants of Thomas Rogers (with Bowen and Barnum Allied Families)," typescript formerly at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, now at the New York City Public Library (N.Y., 1980), E-10.

4 Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-10; Albert Waterman Bowen, "The Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen and Pamela Stafford and Deborah Bennett," typescript in the files of the Cayuga Co., N.Y., Historian, Auburn, N.Y. (1926), n.p.

5 "Bowen Burials, Brutus, N.Y.," *Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* 2 [1939]: 88. A notice in the 4 May 1831 edition of the *Cayuga Patriot* of Auburn, N.Y., in the newspaper file of the Cayuga Co. Historian, states that her death was on 8 April 1831.

6 Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 2: 324.

First Baptist Church of Lanesborough (later Cheshire) on 16 December 1779.[7] He continued in membership there until 2 May 1795, when the church voted to "Withdraw the hand of fellowship from Brother Hezekiah Bowen for his withdrawing himself from the Chh and refusing to travil with them."[8] Hezekiah was chosen a surveyor of highways by the town of Adams in 1782 and again in 1787.[9] Hezekiah and his brothers Aaron, Elijah, and Nathan were all deeded property at Adams (later at Cheshire) by their father, Valentine Bowen, on 3 April 1790; Hezekiah witnessed the deed to Nathan.[10] He was named in his father's will dated 5 June 1797.[11] The Direct Tax of 1798 found him with one house on forty perches of land, final valuation $175, plus a farm of ninety-nine acres and 120 perches, final valuation $968.[12] In 1800 he headed a household at Cheshire (formed partially from Adams in 1793) with one male over 45, one male 16–26, one male 10–16; two females 10–16, one female 16–26, and one female over 45.[13] There is no probate record for him in Berkshire County.

Susanna Bowen was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Lanesborough 31 January 1773 and was on its membership list of 29 May 1800 "in fellowship."[14] She witnessed a deed at Adams 20 April 1784.[15] On 17 September 1810 she and her other living children quitclaimed property in her late husband's estate at Cheshire to her son (and their sibling) Martin Bowen.[16] In 1820 she was aged over 45, the sole occupant of her household at Adams.[17] She subsequently moved to Cayuga County, where her sons lived.

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[7] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., examined at the church (32 North Street, Cheshire, Mass.), 78.

[8] Ibid., n.p. A later but undated note on his original baptismal record says "restored."

[9] Adams, Mass., Town Books, held by the City Clerk, North Adams, Mass., 1: 28, 62.

[10] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 1: 448; 2: 194; 3: 20, 63; 16: 125.

[11] Berkshire Co. Probate, 9: 527–28.

[12] Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798, 20: 591, 616.

[13] 1800 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 155.

[14] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, 75, 86.

[15] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, C: 504.

[16] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[17] 1820 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 48, p. 68.

Children of Hezekiah[6] and Susanna (Edwards) Bowen, all born at New Providence or Adams:[18]

i. **Anna[7] Bowen**, b. 30 Oct. 1772; d. at Sennett 5 May 1829, bur. in Old Sennett Cemetery.[19] She m., intentions at Adams, Mass., 17 Oct. 1791, **Joseph Arnold**, both being of Adams.[20] He was the son of Comfort Arnold and his first unidentified wife,[21] b. 11 Feb.[22] or ca. 13 April 1770, and d. at Sennett 18 July 1845, bur. in Old Sennett Cemetery.[23] On 17 Sept. 1810, as the wife of Joseph Arnold of Adams, she joined her mother and siblings in a quitclaim to her brother Martin.[24]

ii. **Charlotte Bowen**, b. 20 Aug. 1774; m. at Adams 15 Nov. 1792, **Nathaniel Scott** of Adams,[25] son of Sylvanus and Jerusha (Brown) Scott.[26] On 17 Sept. 1810, she was called wife of Nathaniel Scott of Deerfield, Oneida Co., N.Y.[27]

iii. **Lovina Bowen**, b. 20 Feb. 1776; m., both being of Cheshire, at Cheshire 26 May 1796, **William Burton**,[28] b. ca. 1767, son of John and Barbara (Arnold) Burton.[29] On 17 Sept. 1810 Lovina and William Burton were still at Cheshire.[30]

iv. **Martin Bowen**, b. 25 Nov. 1777; d. at Brutus, Cayuga Co., 14

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[18] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-10; Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.; Hubert Bowen ms. (see the Joseph Bowen sketch for discussion of this source).

[19] Cayuga Co. Cemetery File at the office of the Cayuga Co. Historian, Auburn, N.Y.

[20] Vital Records of Adams, Mass. (Family History Library microfilm 760,652), 15 (No. 129). A marriage record has not been found.

[21] Will of Comfort Arnold, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Wills, C: 229–31; Richard H. Benson, *The Arnold Family of Smithfield, Rhode Island* (Boston: Newbury St. Press, 2009), 194, 196, 197, 568.

[22] Benson, *The Arnold Family of Smithfield*, 197.

[23] Cayuga Co. Cemetery File; birth date calculated from age at death.

[24] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[25] Vital Records of Adams, Mass., 6 (intentions 6 Oct. 1792), 18 (No. 155) (marriage).

[26] Dorus Clarke, "Necrology of N.E. Historic Genealogical Society," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 27 [1873]: 427–28. On 9 June 1824 Nathaniel was named in his father's will (Berkshire Co. Probate, 13: 240–42).

[27] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[28] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892, microfiche (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983, 1: 18 (intentions 30 April 1796), 12 (marriage).

[29] Hubert Bowen ms.

[30] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

March 1859;[31] m. at Cheshire 8 Feb. 1801, **Molley Stafford**,[32] b. in Berkshire Co. ca. 14 Oct. 1779, dau. of Samuel and Dorcas (Wells) Stafford.[33] She d. at Brutus 21 Jan. 1866.[34] Both are bur. in the Remington Farm Cemetery.[35] Martin Bowen "of Cheshire" received a quitclaim from his mother and siblings for land in Cheshire that belonged to his father's estate 17 Sept. 1810.[36] He sold that land 7 Sept. 1811[37] and bought property at Brutus 25 Feb. 1812.[38]

v. **Candice Bowen**, b. 20 Sept. 1778; m. at Cheshire or Adams (intentions and marriage recorded in both towns) 19 Oct. 1800, **James Mason** of Adams,[39] son of Philip and Mercy (Scott) Mason.[40] The couple were at Adams in 1810.[41]

vi. **Calvin Bowen**, b. 16 Dec. 1781; d. at Deerfield 10 April 1849;[42] m. ca. 1803, **Lydia Scott** of Cheshire,[43] b. at Cheshire 18 Nov. 1782, dau. of Sylvanus and Jerusha (Brown) Scott,[44] and sister of Nathaniel Scott who married Calvin's sister Charlotte. Lydia d. at Newport, Herkimer Co., N.Y., 27 Aug. 1858.[45] Calvin Bowen was at Cheshire in 1810 when he joined his mother and siblings in a quitclaim of property to his brother Martin, but he acknowledged his signature on 11 Aug. 1812 in Herkimer Co.[46]

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[31] "Bowen Burials, Brutus, N.Y.," *Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* 2: 88; Cayuga Co. Cemetery File; Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.

[32] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," 1: 33 (intentions 25 Jan. 1801), 31 (marriage).

[33] Ms. of the late W. Herbert Wood, concerning Cayuga Co, N.Y., Bowens, forwarded to the author from the late Gerald J. Parsons, FASG, of Syracuse, N.Y., 2001.

[34] Birth date calculated from age at death; Cayuga Co. Cemetery File; Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.

[35] "Bowen Burials, Brutus, N.Y.," *Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* 2: 88.

[36] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[37] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 16: 125.

[38] Cayuga Co. Deeds, M: 251–252.

[39] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," 1: 33 (intentions 13 Oct. 1800), 29 (marriage); Vital Records of Adams, Mass., 34 (intentions 27 Sept. 1800), 34, no. 273 (marriage).

[40] Hubert Bowen ms.

[41] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[42] Hubert Bowen ms.

[43] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-10. No marriage record at Cheshire or Adams.

[44] Hubert Bowen ms.; named in her father's 1824 will (Berkshire Co. Probate 31: 240–42).

[45] Hubert Bowen ms.

[46] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

vii. **Cynthia Bowen**, b. 24 Oct. 1783; m. at Deerfield ca. 1801, **Aaron Reed/Read**.[47] They were at Deerfield in 1810.[48] In 1820 Aaron "Reed" and a female, age 26–45, were listed at Deerfield with four others,[49] but in 1840 there Aaron "Rudd" was 60–70 with a female 50–60 and others.[50] In 1850 a Cynthia "Rudd" was enumerated at Deerfield, aged 66, b. Mass., with Laura Rudd, 46, living near Charles Rudd, 43.[51]

viii. **Susanna Bowen**, b. 21 Jan. 1787; d. at Adams 17 April 1867, aged 79 years 3 months;[52] m. at Cheshire 3 Feb. 1805, **Joseph Brown**,[53] b. at Cheshire ca. 1784, son of Nicholas and Dolly Brown.[54] He d. there 7 June 1862, aged 77.[55] They were at Cheshire in 1810.[56] In 1850 at Cheshire, Joseph Brown was aged 66, a miller, with Susan, age 62.[57]

ix. **Hezekiah Bowen**, b. 15 July 1789; d. at Sennett 16 Oct. 1861, bur. in Old Sennett Cemetery;[58] m. (1) at Cheshire or Adams 12 Sept. 1810, **Pamela Stafford**,[59] b. in Berkshire Co. 7 Oct. 1789,[60] dau. of Samuel and Dorcas (Wells) Stafford and sister of Hezekiah's brother Martin's wife.[61] She d. 25 April 1831 and was bur. in the Remington Farm Cemetery at Sennett.[62] Hezekiah m. (2) 30

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[47] Hubert Bowen ms.

[48] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[49] 1820 U.S. Census, Deerfield, Oneida Co., N.Y., roll 73, p. 239.

[50] 1840 U.S. Census, Deerfield, Oneida Co., N.Y., roll 312, p. 281. In 1830 there, his name could be read as either "Reed" or "Rud."

[51] 1850 U.S. Census, Deerfield, Oneida Co., N.Y., roll 566, p. 301.

[52] Hubert Bowen ms. says 1867; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 202: 21, b. Cheshire, her parents not named.

[53] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," 1: 48 (intentions 22 Jan 1805), 51 (marriage).

[54] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-10.

[55] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 156: 30, dropsy, b. Cheshire, son of Nicholas and Dolly Brown.

[56] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17:229, called Suky Brown.

[57] 1850 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 305, p. 109.

[58] Cayuga Co. Cemetery File; Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.; ms. collection of the Old Brutus Historical Society, Weedsport, N.Y.

[59] Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.; not recorded at Adams or Cheshire.

[60] Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.

[61] Ms. of the late W. Herbert Wood.

[62] Cayuga Co. Cemetery File; death notice, *Cayuga Patriot*, Auburn, N.Y., 4 May 1831; "Bits of Local History," unsigned typescript in the Bowen file of the Cayuga Co., N.Y., Historian, Auburn. N.Y.

July 1831, **Deborah Bennett**, b. in Connecticut 2 Jan. 1800, d. 1 June 1882, and bur. in Old Sennett Cemetery.[63] Hezekiah was at Cheshire in 1810.[64] He lived in Cazenovia, Madison Co., N.Y., for a year around 1812 (although he apparently owned no property there).[65] He bought property at Brutus, Cayuga Co., 22 Sept. 1813,[66] and additional property there in 1818, 1826, 1829, and 1831.[67] In 1822 he was on the list of patients of Dr. C. C. Cady in Cayuga Co.[68]

William B. Saxbe Jr., of Williamstown, Massachusetts, studies the descendants of Richard[1] Bowen.

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[63] Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.; "Bits of Local History."

[64] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 17: 229.

[65] Ms. collection of the Old Brutus Historical Society; Bowen File, Cayuga Co. Historian, Auburn, N.Y.

[66] Cayuga Co. Deeds, N: 541–43; N: 543.

[67] Cayuga Co. Deeds, V: 77–78, 78–79; NN: 426–27, 427–28, 428–29; MM: 162.

[68] Bowen, "Descendants of Hezekiah Bowen," n.p.

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Royalston, Worcester County[1]

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John[6] Bowen was born at Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, 28 April 1756, probably son of John[5] (*Joseph[4–3], Obadiah[2], Richard[1]*) and Abigail (Wood) Bowen.[2] He died at Galen, Wayne County, New York, 2 June 1831.[3] He married, about 1776, **Sarah Briggs**.[4] She was supposedly born at Providence, Providence

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[1] 1790 U. S. Census, Royalston, Worcester Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 497. Royalston, being in Worcester County, does not meet the principal criterion for this work: it was not in one of Massachusetts' two most western counties in 1790, Hampshire and Berkshire. The author of this sketch believes that John Bowen actually lived at Warwick, Hampshire County, and that his listing at Royalston, Worcester County, was an error by the census taker. There is considerable evidence that John Bowen lived at Warwick before 1787 (and possibly as early as 1780) and none that he lived at Royalston. His property was in the northeast corner of Warwick, abutting the Royalston line. Today, as in 1790, access to that property is difficult from Royalston, but even more difficult from the rest of Warwick.

[2] Juliette Freeman Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family* (Passaic, N.J.: A. L. Freeman, 1914), 15. The author of this source, giving John Bowen's birth date and birthplace, was a great-granddaughter of John Bowen and explicitly received her information from her grandmother, Judith (Bowen) Freeman, John's daughter. *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 2: 326, said John's age on 4 Aug. 1780 was 24 years, supporting a birth date ca. 1756. There is no official birth record for John in Rehoboth (or for his presumed brothers Joseph and Benjamin). Assignment of John's parents, whom the Freeman book does not name, is based upon his close association with Joseph [see separate sketch] in three locations, his close association with other natives of Rehoboth in Massachusetts and New York, his given name, and the exclusion of eighty-six other John Bowens in the author's extensive study of eight generations of the descendants of Richard[1] Bowen.

[3] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate Packet #85. The executor's list of heirs gives the date of death as 2 June 1832, but the list was filed 14 May 1832, so death the previous year is inferred.

[4] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 15.

County, Rhode Island, on 1 September 1758[5] and died in Livingston County, New York, in 1827.[6]

John Bowen may have been the man who enlisted for military service at Westminster, Worcester County, on 4 May 1775.[7] Subsequently enlisting from Royalston, he served from 3 August 1776 to 30 September 1776. His military file for that service contains a receipt for wages in October 1776, dated Ticonderoga Mills [New York], and a pay abstract for mileage from Fort Edward [New York] to his home, dated at Brookfield, Worcester County, 6 February 1777. He reenlisted 15 July 1780, was mustered in 20 July 1780, and served in Capt. Seth Peirce's Company, Col. Seth Murray's Regiment, reinforcing the Continental Army at Claverack, New York. He was recorded as being five feet eight inches tall, of dark complexion, and a resident at Warwick, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.[8]

Although the Freeman family history states that John Bowen's second child was born at Cheshire, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in 1779 (as were, possibly, the third, fourth, and fifth children, born 1781–1786), no evidence has been found of John's residence there in historical, land, or church records.[9] John Bowen first appears on land records with his sale of fifty acres in Warwick on 8 October 1787;[10] the deed by which he acquired this property was not recorded. The Warwick selectmen voted on 7 July 1787 "to abate John Boens Rates," i.e., to forgo his tax bill, which was £0/10/10½.[11] This may reflect straitened circumstances on John's part.

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[5] Jesse Montgomery Seaver, *The Bowen Genealogy* (Philadelphia: the author, 1931), 37. The source of Seaver's information is unknown. The Freeman genealogy gives Sarah an estimated birth date of 1757 (Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 15, 24). Her birth is not found in Providence vital records, and her parents are unknown.

[6] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 24.

[7] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors*, 2: 325.

[8] Ibid., 2: 325–26. Also, Ebenezer W. Peirce, "The Peirce Family of the Old Colony," *The New England Historic Genealogical Register* 22 [1868]: 174–85, at 182–83. This unit was raised in Hampshire Co., Mass.

[9] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 13, 15–16. Cheshire was established in 1793, from the towns of Adams, Lanesborough, and New Ashford. It was preceded by the settlement called New Providence. John's brother Joseph was at Lanesborough as early as 1789 (Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., Vol. 12 of the Rollin H. Cooke Collection, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass., 2). John Bowen does not appear in Berkshire Co. deeds (Central and Northern Districts) as grantee, grantor, or witness, 1780–1790.

[10] Franklin Co., Mass., Deeds, 11: 474–75. Franklin Co. was created from Hampshire Co. in 1811, and pertinent Hampshire deeds were rerecorded in the new county.

[11] Warwick, Mass., Town Records, no page numbers.

Disaster struck the family on 19 August 1788. "The Gale of 1788," almost certainly a hurricane, brought devastation from New York State to the Atlantic coast of New England[12] and caused a fire that destroyed John Bowen's home, along with his papers and personal property. The papers included his unrecorded deed for his home property (of fifty acres). In order to obtain a title for that land, on 1 October 1788 he petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts (the state legislature) for confirmation of his ownership; his petition was endorsed by the selectmen of Warwick. The House of Representatives voted to confirm his title on 28 January 1790; the Senate concurred on 2 February 1790, and the bill was signed by Gov. John Hancock. Effectively a new deed, this confirmation was filed in Hampshire County on 28 April 1790.[13] Sympathetic to his plight, on 6 April 1789 the town fathers of Warwick "voted to give Mr Boen 16/4 being due Constable Cobb on his rate bills."[14] It was and is very poor land, rocky, hilly, swampy, and heavily timbered; no one lives within several miles of the place at present.[15]

Bowen sold ten acres of his property on 18 March 1794 for £20. Two months later, he and Joseph Smith bought jointly, for £100, seventy-five acres, all of lot #14 in the third division of Warwick. This was bounded on the north by the New Hampshire line, on the east by Royalston and Worcester County, and on the south by property already belonging to John. They thereby owned the piece of land in the northeastern corner of both the town and the county, and the piece farthest from the county seat at Northampton. Five years later, on 4 September 1799, Bowen and Smith divided this land, Bowen taking the eastern one-quarter. He held it for just one day, selling it to Samuel Ball for $98.[16] The 1798 Direct Tax lists John Bowen with a house worth $42 on seventy-two acres worth $510; the total valuation was $637.50.[17] Bowen gave a note of $145.10 for his taxes on 10 June 1796 and of $8.70 on 10 June 1799.[18] The 1800 census showed the household at Warwick,

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[12] Sidney Perley, *Historic Storms of New England* (1891; repr. Beverly, Mass.: Commonwealth Editions, 2001), 121–23.

[13] Franklin Co., Mass., Deeds 3: 351–53.

[14] Warwick, Mass., Town Records.

[15] Author's visit in spring 2005 and several times since.

[16] Franklin Co., Mass., Deeds, 8: 46–47; 11: 2; 15: 213–14. Ball Hill, elevation 1,263 feet, is on that property (*Massachusetts Atlas & Gazetteer* [Yarmouth, Maine: DeLorme, 1998], 24).

[17] Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798, 16: 616.

[18] Warwick, Mass., Town Records.

including one male over 45, one male 16–26, two males under 10, one female over 45, one female 16–26, one female 10–16, and one female under 10.[19]

In 1801 John Bowen was among ninety citizens of Warwick on "A list of those who have Entered their Names Certifying that they cannot Conscientiously Join with the Congregational society in Warwick in Supporting their Minister."[20] On 10 June 1801 John mortgaged thirty-eight acres of his property to James Goldbury, Esq., the Warwick town treasurer, for $72.55.[21] On 16 November 1804 Bowen gave a mortgage to his neighbor and old friend Nathan Bullock of Royalston on forty-eight acres for $200. Bullock quitclaimed the land back to Bowen on 6 April 1805, the mortgage apparently paid off. Bullock attested this at Cheshire 13 April 1805, and the quitclaim was recorded 21 May 1805.[22]

John Bowen sold all his property (forty-six acres, 119 rods) at Warwick to his neighbor Richard "Wastcott" Jr., 5 April 1805, for $385.63.[23] At some point following that sale, he and his family left Warwick and joined the "Yankee Exodus" to western New York, specifically to Brutus, Cayuga County, in the Finger Lakes region. He bought land there, although that deed apparently went unrecorded. The family was at Brutus for the 1810 census, with one male over 45, one male 16–26, one male 10–16, one female over 45, one female 26–45, one female 10–16, and two females under 10.[24] On 27 January 1814 John sold eighteen acres and twenty rods in Brutus to his nephew David Bowen, son of his brother Joseph, for $227, "subject to a life lease to Joseph and Huldah Bowen [David's parents]."[25] John bought five acres at Brutus from a son-in-law, Isaac Little, on 4 May 1819 for $140[26] and on 7 March 1826 sold ten acres at Brutus to his son Sylvanus Bowen for $250.[27] In the 1820 census, John's family at Brutus consisted of one male over 45 and one female 16–24.[28]

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[19] 1800 U.S. Census, Warwick, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 15, p. 36.

[20] Warwick, Mass., Town Records. Most of the Bowens back in Rehoboth were Baptists.

[21] Franklin Co., Mass., Deeds, 15: 419–20.

[22] Franklin Co., Mass., Deeds, 20: 476–77. Bowen and Bullock were both from Rehoboth, and both later moved to Cayuga Co., N.Y.

[23] Franklin Co., Mass., Deeds, 22: 46–47.

[24] 1810 U.S. Census, Brutus, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 31, p. 1158.

[25] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds, R: 2–3. Nathan Bullock was a witness, as was John Freeman, John Bowen's son-in-law.

[26] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds, V: 158.

[27] Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds, FF: 456–57.

[28] 1820 U.S. Census, Brutus, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 68, pp. 6–7.

John Bowen made his will on 15 April 1818, aged 61. He mentioned his wife but did not give her name. He named his children Judah [*sic*] Freeman, Sylvanus Bowen, Elias Bowen, Abigail Little, Martin Bowen, Polly Bowen, and Betsey Bowen. Curiously, he stated that his wife and his son John Bowen had already received their share of his estate and were not to receive more. His oldest son, Sylvanus, was named executor.[29] The odd statement about his wife's share of his estate, and her apparent absence from the household at the 1820 census, raises the question of possible separation and estrangement. However, John and Sarah's son Elias wrote them a joint letter on 8 February 1825, addressed to "My aged and very dear parents," so they were evidently together then.[30] After Sarah's 1827 death, John moved to nearby Galen, Wayne County, where the 1830 census found his household to consist of one male 70–80 and one female 60–70.[31] An unsupported source says that he had married a widow Lamphere, but no corroboration of this has been found.[32] His will was proved 12 June 1832. The inventory totaled $128.12, of which $86.94 came from a mortgage due from Henry Merritt.[33] He did not own land in Wayne County.

Children of John[6] and Sarah (Briggs) Bowen, last six born at Warwick:

i. **Lydia[7] Bowen**, b. 21 Jan. 1777; d. 6 June 1779.[34]

ii. **Judith Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 22 Feb. 1779; d. at Union Twp., Champaign Co., Ohio, 1 Aug. 1853, bur. in Treacles Creek Cemetery in Champaign Co.; m. (1) at Camillus, Onondaga Co., N.Y., 24 Dec. 1801, **Warren Freeman,** b. near Newark, N.J., 17 Feb. 1777, son of Hezekiah and Abigail (Winans) Freeman. He d. at Goshen Twp., Champaign Co., 11 July 1845, and was bur. in Treacles Creek Cemetery. Whether or not this couple divorced (and possibly remarried) was the

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[29] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate File 85; Will Book B, folio 1.

[30] John David Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen: A Methodist Clergyman in Central New York" (M.A. Thesis, Southern Methodist University, 1980), 40–41. Elias Bowen's correspondence and papers are item #2111, Dept. of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University Libraries, Ithaca, N.Y. Additional correspondence is in the Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

[31] 1830 U.S. Census, Galen, Wayne Co., N.Y., roll 117, p. 164.

[32] Hubert Bowen manuscript. See the Joseph Bowen sketch for a discussion of this source.

[33] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate, file 85.

[34] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy*, 37. Lydia is not mentioned in Lafferty's book or any other source.

focus of the paper cited below. Judith m. (2) in Cayuga Co. 19 Dec. 1819, **Comfort Arnold**, b. ca. 1743 and d. in Cayuga Co. 23 March 1827. In the listing of heirs for the probate of her father's will, 14 May 1832, her address was Richmond, Ontario Co., N.Y., where she was again living with her first husband and family.[35]

iii. **Sylvanus Bowen**, b. 9 Sept. 1781;[36] d. at Sennett, Cayuga Co., 16 Jan. 1861;[37] m. 1 Dec. 1808, **Susannah Cook Rice**,[38] b. at Warwick, Kent Co., R.I., 26 Aug. 1790 or 1791,[39] dau. of Anthony and Martha (Cook) Rice. She d. 15 July 1878 and was bur. at Sennett.[40] Sylvanus Bowen, then of Marcellus, Onondaga Co., bought thirty acres at Brutus, Cayuga Co. (from which Sennett was set off in 1827) from Daniel Remington 6 April 1826. He bought another ten acres at Brutus from his father for $250 on 7 March 1826 and sold the ten acres for $300 to Henry Merritt 15 Dec. 1827.[41] Oddly, he is not identifiable in the federal censuses of New York in 1830, 1840, or 1850. As executor of his father's estate, he filed the list of heirs 14 May 1832 at Lyons, Wayne Co., N.Y., giving his own address as Sennett.[42]

iv. **Sarah "Sallie" Bowen**, b. 29 April 1784;[43] not named in her father's 1818 will.

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[35] William B. Saxbe Jr., "Historical 'Truth,' Clothed and Naked: The 'Peculiar Ways' of Judith (Bowen) Freeman Arnold," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 90 [2002]: 99–110. The article (p. 100) says they married at the home of Deacon Squire "Monroe." Munro had moved to Camillus in 1799 according to G. S. Northrup, *Genealogy of Josiah Munroe* (St. Johns, Mich.: the author, 1912), 354. Gravestone photographs are on *findagrave.com*.

[36] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy*, 40.

[37] Obituary in the *Auburn* [N.Y.] *Daily Advertiser*, 18 Jan. 1861, in the newspaper file of the Cayuga Co. Historian, Auburn, N.Y.; list of burials in the Soule Cemetery, Sennett, in the Old Brutus Historical Society, Weedsport, N.Y.

[38] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 15; Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy*, 40. Jane Fletcher Fiske, *Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island*, 2 vols. (Boxford, Mass.: the author, 1987), 1: 221, says this Susannah, dau. of Anthony, married ___ Andrew, but her source may be mistaken.

[39] Fiske, *Thomas Cooke*, 1: 221, has the 1790 date. W. A. Whitney and R. I. Bonner, *History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County, Michigan* (Adrian, Mich.: W. Stearns & Co., 1879), 339–40, says she was born in Natick [part of Warwick], R.I., in 1791.

[40] List of burials in the Soule Cemetery.

[41] Cayuga Co. Deeds, CC: 437–39; FF: 456–57; HH: 225–26.

[42] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate File 85.

[43] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 15.

v. **Abigail Bowen**, b. 29 July 1786;[44] m. before 12 Sept. 1816, **Isaac Little**,[45] son of Smith and Sallie (Freeman) Little.[46] Isaac and Abigail sold five acres at Brutus to her father for $140 in 1819.[47] In the listing of heirs for the probate of her father's will, 14 May 1832, Abigail Little's address was Sennett, Cayuga Co.

vi. **John Bowen**, b. 7 March 1789;[48] d. Illinois, probably at Coral Twp., McHenry Co., in 1869;[49] m. (1) before 18 March 1817, **Mary "Polly" Freeman**,[50] b. 25 March 1797,[51] dau. of Silas and Sally (French) Freeman. By the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses, this John Bowen's wife was apparently **Nancy** ____, b. ca. 1800 N.Y., d. 13 April 1886, and was bur. at Coral.[52] John Bowen Jr. bought property at Brutus 26 Dec. 1814 for $180 and sold [mortgaged?] it to Isaac Brown for $300 18 March 1817. He bought it back from Brown, again for $300, 16 May 1818, and sold it to John S. Twiss for $204 11 Feb. 1819.[53] By 1830 the family lived at Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., with four male and three female children.[54] They were there in 1840 as well.[55] For the 1850 and 1860 censuses they were at Coral Twp.[56]

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[44] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy,* 40.

[45] Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen," 23. A letter from Abigail's mother to Abigail's brother Elias on this date refers to "your brother Isaac Little."

[46] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 16; Robert R. Freeman, *Freeman Families of New England*, 3 vols. (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2005), 2: 6–39.

[47] Cayuga Co. Deeds, V: 158.

[48] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 16.

[49] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy,* 41.

[50] Cayuga Co. Deeds, U: 472–473. On this date Polly Bowen cosigned a deed from her husband John.

[51] Freeman, *Freeman Families of New England,* 2: 6–40 and 6–45, which calls her Mary. "Polly" is a common nickname for "Mary." This source gives a birth year of 1804, which would make her 14 or 15 at the time of her marriage. A Freeman Bible in the possession of Michael Peterson (geanie@cox.net) gives a birth date for Polly of 25 March 1797.

[52] 1850 U.S. Census, Coral, McHenry Co., Ill., roll 117, 401; 1860 U.S. Census, Coral, McHenry Co., Ill., roll 202, 463; Elaine Obenchain, *McHenry County, Illinois, Cemeteries*, vol. 2 (Crystal Lake, Ill.: McHenry County, Illinois, Genealogical Society, 1995), 3.

[53] Cayuga Co. Deeds, U: 471–74 (three deeds), 488.

[54] 1830 U.S. Census, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., roll 86, p. 304.

[55] 1840 U.S. Census, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., roll 271, p. 66.

[56] 1850 U.S. Census, Coral, McHenry Co., Ill., roll 117, p. 401; 1860 U.S. Census, Coral, McHenry Co., Ill., roll 202, p. 463. In 1850 John Bowen was identified as a joiner; in 1860 as a carpenter.

vii. **Elias Bowen**, b. 16 June 1791;[57] d. at Cortlandville, Cortland Co., N.Y., 25 Oct. 1871;[58] m. at Sauquoit at Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., 3 Jan. 1821, **Abigail Birdseye**,[59] b. at Sauquoit 24 Jan. 1803,[60] dau. of John and Phebe (Coe) Birdseye. She d. at Cortland 24 Jan. 1871.[61] Elias Bowen was a Methodist minister, serving at posts in western New York and Pennsylvania.[62] In the listing of heirs for the probate of his father's will, 14 May 1832, his address was Berkshire, Tioga Co., N.Y.[63] Hamilton College of Norwich, N.Y., awarded him an honorary D.D. degree in 1846.[64]

viii. **Martin Bowen**, b. 30 Dec. 1795;[65] d. New York 1867, probably at Livonia, Livingston Co.;[66] m. ca. 1814, **Sarah Simpson** "of Utica, N.Y.,"[67] b. ca. 1796,[68] d. 30 Nov. 1873, and was bur. in Union Twp. Champaign Co., Ohio.[69] In the listing of heirs for the probate of his father's will, 14 May 1832, Martin Bowen's address was Gorham, Ontario Co., N.Y.[70] About 1846 he moved to Champaign Co., where his older sister Judith and his oldest son, David, were living.[71] He bought land at Union Twp. in 1853, 1854, and 1857.[72] His

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[57] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 16.

[58] Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen," 208.

[59] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 16; Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy*, 41.

[60] Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen," 21; J. Gardner Bartlett, *Robert Coe, Puritan: His Ancestors and Descendants, 1340–1910* (Boston: the author, 1911), 140–41.

[61] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy*, 41.

[62] Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen."

[63] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate file 85.

[64] Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen," 7, 81-82.

[65] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 17.

[66] *History of Champaign County, Ohio* (Chicago: W. H. Beers & Co., 1881), 877. In 1865 he was at Livonia (see below).

[67] *History of Champaign County*, 877; Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 17, 20.

[68] Birth date estimated from the 1860 U.S. Census, Union, Champaign Co., Ohio, roll 942, p. 174, and from the age at death on gravestone, read in Fairview Cemetery, Union Twp., Champaign Co., Ohio, by the author. Her birthplace is uncertain. The 1850 U.S. Census, Goshen, Champaign Co., Ohio, roll 665, p. 234, says Penn.; 1860 census says Mass. The 1865 New York State census says the "State of Del." (New York State Census, 1865, Second Election District, Livonia, Livingston Co., N.Y., p. 26).

[69] Date of death from gravestone, Fairview Cemetery, Union Twp., Champaign Co., Ohio.

[70] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate file 85.

[71] *History of Champaign County, Ohio*, 877.

[72] Champaign Co., Ohio, Deeds, Y: 384–85; Z: 152; B2: 589–90.

family was there for the 1850[73] and 1860 censuses,[74] but by 1865 he had returned to western New York.[75]

ix. **Polly Bowen**, b. 30 June 1797; d., probably at Union Twp. in 1884;[76] m., probably 11 April 1822, **Oren Fuller**.[77] In the listing of heirs for the probate of her father's will, 14 May 1832, Polly Fuller's address was Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N.Y.[78]

x. **Hannah Bowen**, b. 12 June 1799; d. unm. at Brutus, Cayuga Co., 16 May 1816.[79]

xi. **Betsey Bowen**, b. 30 June 1802;[80] d. unm. at Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., 5 Feb. 1825, at the home of her brother Elias.[81]

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[73] 1850 U.S. Census, Goshen, Champaign Co., Ohio, roll 665, p. 234.

[74] 1860 U.S. Census, Union, Champaign Co., Ohio, roll 942, p. 174. In both 1850 and 1860 censuses Martin Bowen was identified as a carpenter.

[75] 1865 N.Y. State Census, Second Election District, Livonia, Livingston Co., N.Y., p. 26.

[76] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy,* 46, which says she died at Union, Ill., but her sister Judith and brother Martin lived at Union Twp., Champaign Co., Ohio.

[77] Seaver, *Bowen Genealogy,* 46.

[78] Wayne Co., N.Y., Probate file 85.

[79] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 24.

[80] Lafferty, *History of the Freeman Family*, 24.

[81] Hannah, "The Life and Letters of Elias Bowen," 40–41.

Bowen, Joseph
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New Ashford, Berkshire County[1]

By William B. Saxbe, Jr., CG, FASG

Joseph[6] **Bowen** was born at Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 16 December 1762, son of John[5] (*Joseph*[4–3], *Obadiah*[2], *Richard*[1]) and Abigail (Wood) Bowen.[2] He died at Brutus, Cayuga County, New York, on 4 March 1814.[3]

He married at Rehoboth on 14 April 1785, **Huldah Short** "of Taunton."[4] She was born at Taunton on 20 June 1765, daughter of Daniel and Hopestill (Wheeler) Short.[5] Huldah (Short) Bowen died at East Otto, Cattaraugus County, New York, on 7 March 1852.[6]

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, New Ashford, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 437.

[2] There is no official birth record for Joseph in Rehoboth or for his presumed brothers John and Benjamin. Assignment of his parents is based upon several 1785 Rehoboth deeds by which John[5] Bowen and his wife, Abigail, essentially divided their properties in Rehoboth and Norton, Mass., among their children (Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 67: 512–15). Joseph and his sister Rebeckah also witnessed one of their father's deeds in 1779 (Bristol Co. Deeds, 62: 56). Joyce McManigal of Springfield, Mo., provided Joseph's birth date from a family Bible cited in Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen and His Descendants* (n.p.: the author, 1965), 1.

[3] Joyce McManigal, *Paternal Line of Luella M. Bowen* (Republic, Mo.: the author, 1998), no page number. The last official indication that Joseph was alive is in a deed from Joseph's brother John to Joseph's son David for property at Brutus, which was "subject to a life lease to Joseph and Huldah Bowen" (Cayuga Co., N.Y., Deeds, R: 2–3).

[4] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896* (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 46; *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1978), 2: 57.

[5] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1. Huldah Short's birth is not in the Taunton vital records.

[6] Manuscripts of Hubert Bowen. The late Hubert Bowen collected Bowen material for many years; his extensive records are at the Ogden, Utah, Public Library and have been microfilmed by the Family History Library of Salt Lake City (microfilms 1,206,409–1,206,413). Although generally reliable, they are often inadequately documented and should be seen mostly as guides to further research.

Joseph enlisted for military service in Rehoboth 20 July 1777 and served until 31 July 1780.[7] He bought property at Rehoboth from his future father-in-law, Daniel Short of Taunton, on 20 March 1784[8] and from his father on 9 May 1785. By the latter deed he acquired one-third of the family home and one-half of the barn (his brother Benjamin concluded a similar transaction the following month).[9] He was among a group of Rehoboth men who "took the oath of allegiance to the commonwealth, and delivered up their arms, during March 1787. These men belonged to the party of [Daniel] Shays, and had probably taken arms against the government."[10] On 29 August 1788 he sold his Rehoboth property[11] and was in Berkshire County by 30 May 1789, where he was a founding member of the Second Baptist Church of Lanesborough (later at Cheshire).[12]

Although the 1790 census placed him at New Ashford, he was in the portion of that town that was set off to the new town of Cheshire in 1793. On 13 March 1793 Joseph Bowen, "late of New Ashford now Incorporated by the name of Cheshire," bought 387 acres at Cheshire on the north boundary of Lanesborough.[13] The 1800 census found him at Cheshire with one male 26–45, one male 10–16, five males and one female under 10, one female 16–26, and one female 26–45.[14] He continued to be an active member in good standing of the Second Baptist Church at Cheshire 1790–1803,[15] but by 1804 had fallen out of favor with the brethren,[16] and in 1812 (long after he had left town) he was excluded from membership: "Voted to withdraw the hand of

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[7] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 2: 327.

[8] Bristol Co. Deeds, 67: 511.

[9] Bristol Co. Deeds, 67: 513, 515.

[10] Leonard Bliss Jr., *History of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts* (Boston: Otis, Broaders, & Co., 1836), 159.

[11] Bristol Co. Deeds, 89: 495–96. Wife Huldah Bowen cosigned.

[12] Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., in Vol. 12 of the Rollin H. Cooke Collection of the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass., 1.

[13] Berkshire Co., Mass., Deeds (Northern District), 3: 232. Cheshire had originally been called "New Providence," since many of its settlers came from Rhode Island and Bristol Co., Mass. See Betty Howe, "The Not-So-Vanished Village," *Yankee Magazine* 30 [Sept. 1966]: 64–68, 100–05.

[14] 1800 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 158.

[15] Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., 15–16, 22, 29, 32, 37–38.

[16] Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., 73.

fellowship from Joseph Bowen for immoral Conduct among which is drunkeness."[17]

Joseph sold his Berkshire County land in 1804 and 1805[18] and moved to Madison County, New York. He acquired a lot at Cazenovia by 15 February 1805[19] and was subsequently in the adjacent town of Nelson, Madison County.[20] As "J. Bowen," he was at Nelson for the 1810 census, with one male over 45, two males 10–16, one male 16–26, four females under 10, and one female over 45.[21] His last sale of property there was 15 January 1814,[22] and on 27 January his son David bought (from Joseph's brother John) the land at Brutus on which Joseph and Huldah held a life lease.[23]

Huldah was at Brutus for the 1820 census as head of a household comprising a male 10–16, two females 10–16 and herself over 45.[24] Huldah Bowen sold property at Otto on 22 October 1832.[25] Now blind, in 1850 she was living with her daughter Almira Tracy at Otto, aged 84.[26]

Children of Joseph and Huldah (Short) Bowen:

i. **Jesse**[7] **Bowen**, b. at Rehoboth ca. 1786. He reportedly married, had two children, and "died young."[27]

ii. **Tabitha Bowen**, b. at New Ashford 5 March 1789. Either she or her sister Rhoda m. ____ **Butler** and lived at Whitford Hollow, near East Otto.[28]

iii. **Daniel Bowen**, b. at New Ashford 25 Nov. 1790; m. **Pety Wellington**, whose sister Lydia m. his brother Elias. He "lived in

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[17] Records of the Second Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., 2, 91.

[18] Berkshire Co., Mass., Deeds (Northern District), 11: 161, 225; 12: 217.

[19] Daniel H. Weiskotten, "Town of Cazenovia Assessment Roll," from *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyccazen/TaxLists/CazTown/1805Assessment.html*, viewed 15 Nov. 2010.

[20] Madison Co., N.Y., Deeds, C: 526–27, F: 569–70, G: 466–67.

[21] 1810 U.S. Census, Nelson, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 28, p. 724.

[22] Madison Co. Deeds, F: 571–73.

[23] Cayuga Co. Deeds, R: 2–3

[24] 1820 U.S. Census, Brutus, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 68, p. 7. Her son David was two houses away, her brother-in-law John Bowen four houses away.

[25] Cattaraugus Co. Deeds, 5: 587.

[26] 1850 U.S. Census, Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., roll 479, p. 308, as "Huldah Boin," born in Mass., blind.

[27] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[28] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

Albany, N.Y., Boston [Erie Co.], N.Y., and Randolph [Cattaraugus Co.], N.Y."[29]

iv. **Elias Bowen**, b. at New Ashford 12 Nov. 1792;[30] d. at East Otto 6 Oct. 1872; m. ca. 1813, **Lydia Wellington**, b. ca. 1799 [*sic*] and d. at East Otto 2 March 1861.[31] He was probably the Elias Bowen who served in Capt. Eri Richardson's Company, New York Militia, in the War of 1812.[32]

v. **Benjamin Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 25 Aug. 1794;[33] m. ca. 1815, **Esther Sperry**.[34] Benjamin lived in Cayuga Co. 1815–1825,[35] then was near Oswego, Oswego Co., N.Y. He reportedly served in the Mexican War.[36] In 1850 Benjamin "Boin," aged 55, farming, b. Mass., was living with his mother in his sister Almira's family at Otto.[37]

vi. **David Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 8 April 1796; d. after 1830 when he headed a family in Otto.[38] He bought the property from his uncle John Bowen on which his parents held a lease in 1814 and sold that land in 1828.[39] He bought land in Cattaraugus Co. in 1823.[40]

vii. Infant, b. and d. Cheshire ca. 1797–1798.[41]

viii. **Joseph Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 14 Jan. 1799.[42]

ix. **Huldah Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 10 April 1801; m. ____ **Smith** and lived at Kenton, Hardin Co., Ohio.[43]

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[29] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[30] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[31] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 2.

[32] Virgil D. White, *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files*, 3 vols. (Waynesboro, Tenn.: National Historical Publishing Co., 1989), 1: 209.

[33] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[34] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1; Hubert Bowen manuscript; Cayuga Co. Deeds, Z: 67.

[35] Cayuga Co. Deeds, S: 714–715, DD: 206–208.

[36] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[37] 1850 U.S. Census, Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., roll 479, p. 308.

[38] 1830 U.S. Census, Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., roll 85, p. 200. There was one male 30–40, one male and one female 5–10, two males under 5, two females 10–15, and one female 20–30.

[39] Cayuga Co. Deeds, R: 2–3; JJ: 148–149.

[40] Karen E. Livsey, *Western New York Land Transactions, 1804–1824* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991), 322.

[41] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[42] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.

[43] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1; not found among Smith families in Kenton in 1850.

x. **Rhoda Bowen**, b. at Cheshire 11 Dec. 1802. See her sister Tabitha, above.[44]

xi. **Altera Bowen**, b. at Cheshire Dec. 1804; m. ____ **Dake** and lived at Otto.[45]

xii. **Almira Bowen**, b. at Cazenovia, Madison Co., 8 March 1808; d. at East Otto 8 July 1879; m. (1) 1 Feb. 1829, **John Pratt**, b. at New Ashford 20 April 1803 and d. 5 Sept. 1839.[46] She m. (2) 17 Feb. 1846, **John Tracy**,[47] b. in New York ca. 1804. They were living in Otto in 1850 with children apparently of their first marriages.[48]

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[44] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.
[45] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.
[46] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.
[47] Ballard L. Bowen, *Joseph Bowen*, 1.
[48] 1850 U.S. Census, Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., roll 479, p. 308.

Bowen, Nathan
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Adams, Berkshire County[1]

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Nathan[6] **Bowen** was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 5 January 1755, son of Valentine[5] Bowen (*Hezekiah*[4], *Obadiah*[3–2], *Richard*[1]) and Jemima (Martin) Bowen.[2] [See separate sketch.] He died at Cheshire, Berkshire County, on 10 February 1842.[3] He married, probably at New Providence (an early name for part of the area that became Cheshire[4]), about 1775, **Anna Lockwood**.[5] She was born about 1755 or 1761, died on 2 September 1831 aged 70 or 76, and was buried at Cheshire.[6]

Nathan Bowen enlisted for military service in Berkshire County on 14 August 1777 and fought at the Battle of Bennington as a corporal in Capt. Samuel Low's Company, Col. Simond's Regiment. He was a

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

[2] H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 126; Henry J. Martin, *Notes Genealogical and Historical of the Martin Family of New England* (Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1880), 87–88.

[3] "Nathan Bowen Bible," *Calvert Co., Maryland, Genealogical Society Newsletter* 11 [1996]: 2.

[4] William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, 5th ed. (Boston: NEHGS, 1997), 33.

[5] Randi T. Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants of Thomas Rogers (with Bowen and Barnum Allied Families)" (New York, 1980); typescript formerly at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, now at the New York City Public Library, E-10.

[6] Gravestone reading from the Nathan Bowen file, AO12719, Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Washington, D.C., available via the "Genealogical Research System" at *www.dar.org/library*. With her age at death in 1831 at 70, this calculates to a birth year of circa 1761, but possibly the age on the stone is really 76. "Nathan Bowen Bible," *Calvert Co. Genealogical Society Newsletter* 11: 2, also has a birth year of 1761, which would have made her 14 or 15 at the birth of her first child.

lieutenant in the same unit in response to an alarm "to the northward" in October 1780[7] and also served between 30 October and 7 November 1781 in Capt. Levi Brown's Co., Col. Asa Barnes' Berkshire County Regiment, marching to Saratoga on an alarm for nine days.[8] He took the Oath of Allegiance at Lanesborough on 21 March 1787 and ten days later took the same oath at Great Barrington (both towns in Berkshire County), strong evidence that he had taken part in Shays' Rebellion.[9]

Their father, Valentine Bowen, deeded Nathan and his brothers Aaron, Elijah, and Hezekiah, property at Adams (later at Cheshire[10]) on 3 April 1790; Hezekiah witnessed the deed to Nathan, and Nathan witnessed the deeds to Hezekiah and Elijah.[11] Nathan was named in his father's will 5 June 1797; he was the executor, as well as the principal devisee of the real estate.[12] The Direct Tax of 1798 found him at Cheshire with one house on forty perches of land, final valuation $450; plus a farm of 180 acres with two houses, final valuation $2,059; also two other properties of twenty-one and twenty-nine acres, final valuation $175.[13]

Nathan Bowen was active in buying and selling real estate in Berkshire County. His first purchase, with Allen Briggs, was of a quarter acre at New Providence from Shubael Wilmarth, 31 May 1779, for £90.[14] Six months later, on 18 November 1779, he bought half a house at Adams from Briggs, then sold it back to Briggs on 16 November 1785.[15] On 1 August 1789 he bought nine acres at Adams from Thomas Biddlecum for £20 8*s*,[16] and on 31 December 1790 he bought eighty acres for £160 from his brother Aaron.[17] In 1793 he commenced a number

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[7] Ellen M. Raynor and Emma L. Petitclerc, *History of the Town of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass.* (Holyoke, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1885), 206–7.

[8] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1896–1908), 2: 328.

[9] Adams, Mass., Town Book, 1: 64; *History of Berkshire County, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (New York: J. B. Beers & Co., 1885), 1: 455.

[10] Cheshire was incorporated in 1793 from parts of Adams, Lanesborough, Windsor, and the district of New Ashford (Galvin, *Historical Data*, 33).

[11] Berkshire Co., Mass. (Northern District) Deeds 1: 448; 2: 194; 16: 125. Nathan paid his father £90 for 100 acres, which were adjacent to Nathan's other property.

[12] Berkshire Co. Probate, 9: 527.

[13] Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798, 20: 591, 616.

[14] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 19: 583. All parties were of New Providence.

[15] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 22: 77, 23:2. Both men were "of Adams." Both transactions were for £90.

[16] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 7: 17.

[17] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 3: 19. This property was also adjacent to Nathan's

of land transactions in which he partnered with Stephen Brayton and Timothy Mason, continuing until 1808.[18] He sold "half a dwelling" at Cheshire to fellow blacksmith Benjamin Brown in 1794, nine acres and seventy-eight rods at Cheshire to Benjamin Bliss in 1802, and twenty acres at Cheshire to his brother Aaron in 1803.[19] And on 1 April 1816 he sold 464 acres at Cheshire to his son David for $900.[20]

In 1800 he was head of a household at Cheshire (formed partially from Adams in 1793), with one male 26–45, two males 16–26, two males 10–16, one male and one female under 10, one female 10–16, one female 16–26, one female 26–45, and one female over 45.[21] Although Nathan Bowen does not appear in the 1810 census of Cheshire, a Nathan *Brown* does, with one male over 45, one male 16–26, one female under 10, three females 16–26, and one female over 45.[22] In the 1820 census, there were one male and one female over 45, and one female 16–26.[23] Nathan was among those owning pews in the Cheshire [Baptist] Church in 1821. He was a blacksmith, and he lived across the road from the tavern on Stafford Hill at Cheshire.[24]

Anna (Lockwood) Bowen was received by the First Baptist Church of Cheshire after "a Relation of hir experience" 30 November 1793. On 29 May 1800 she was noted on the church's membership list to be "in fellowship."[25] She cosigned most of the deeds in which her husband was a grantor. Although Anna supposedly died in 1831, she was apparently not in Nathan's household at Cheshire at the time of the 1830 census, which found him, aged 70–80, living with only a female of 30–40 years.[26] The 1840 census findings were similar: Nathan 80–90, with a female 30–40.[27]

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other holdings. Nathan gave a mortgage for the property to William Jenkins of Adams, 1 Dec. 1791, for £65/0/6 (Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 3: 19–20).

[18] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 3: 319, 5: 472, 5: 473, 11: 364, 15: 150, 26: 190.

[19] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 5: 446, 9: 145, 15: 99.

[20] Berkshire Co. Deeds, Northern District, 29: 237.

[21] 1800 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 155.

[22] 1810 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 175.

[23] 1820 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 48, p. 80.

[24] Joseph Addison Wilk, "A History of Adams, Massachusetts," doctoral thesis (University of Ottawa, 1945), 99.

[25] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass., examined at the church (32 North Street, Cheshire, Mass., 01225), 67, 87.

[26] 1830 U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 62, p. 467.

[27] 1840, U.S. Census, Cheshire, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 175, p. 143.

Nathan Bowen's will, written 22 September 1841, named his sons David and Levi, the heirs of his deceased son Simon, daughter Nancy, and grandsons Nathan Bowen and Nathan Scott. Son David was to be the executor. The will was proved 13 April 1842. The list of heirs, dated 1 March 1842, included David of Cheshire; Levi of New York; Nancy, wife of Samuel Scott of Michigan; Nathan Bowen; and Nathan Scott. Simon Bowen's unnamed heirs were of Illinois.[28]

Children of Nathan and Anna (Lockwood) Bowen, all presumably born at New Providence (Cheshire) or Adams:[29]

i. **Lucy[7] Bowen**, b. 20 Feb. 1776; d. 24 Nov. 1795.[30]

ii. **Levi Bowen**, b. 27 Jan. 1779; d. at Newport, Herkimer Co., N.Y., 1858;[31] perhaps m. (1) ca. 1798, **Susanna Griggs**;[32] m. (2) Cheshire 8 Feb. 1801, **Mercy Scott**,[33] b., probably at New Providence, 18 Sept. 1781,[34] dau. of Sylvanus and Jerusha (Brown) Scott.[35] She d. 29 at Newport April 1858.[36] Mercy was named in her father's will 9 June 1824.[37] Levi Bowen's will, signed 26 Jan. 1850, was proved in Herkimer Co. 26 April 1858.[38]

iii. **Simon Bowen**, b. 17 Oct. 1781; d. at Juliet [later Joliet], Will Co., Ill., in 1840, reportedly killed by wolves;[39] m. at Cheshire 15 Aug.

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[28] Berkshire Co. Probate, file 6414, the will at 46: 206.

[29] Birth dates from the "Nathan Bowen Bible."

[30] "Nathan Bowen Bible."

[31] William Bradford Browne Collection, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass., microfilm #5, Bowen file, which gives two birth dates: 1778 or 1 January 1770.

[32] Levi Bowen of Cheshire and Susanna Griggs had a son Levi Bowen born at Windsor, Berkshire Co., 7 May 1799 (*Vital Records of Windsor, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 18, the wording of which suggests that they were not married; Hubert Bowen, "Research Material of Hubert Bowen," (Salt Lake City, Utah, Genealogical Society of Utah, 2002) (FHL film 2406017, item 5). See the Joseph Bowen sketch for a discussion of this source.

[33] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," microfiche (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), 1: 33 (marriage), 31 (intentions 30 Dec. 1800). Both parties were of Cheshire.

[34] Hubert Bowen ms.

[35] Berkshire Co. Probate 31: 240–42; William Bradford Browne, "Chad Browne of Providence, R.I., and Four Generations of His Descendants," *Register* 80 [(1926)]: 73 et seq. at 183, includes the marriage of Jerusha Brown and Sylvanus Scott of Adams.

[36] Bowen data from the William Bradford Browne Collection, microfilm #5, Bowen file.

[37] Berkshire Co. Probate, 31: 240–42.

[38] Hubert Bowen ms.

[39] Hubert Bowen ms.; Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-11, says only that death was "before 1842."

1802, **Nancy Waterman**,[40] b. at Cheshire (then New Providence) 31 March 1782, dau. of John Waterman and Anna Hall.[41] In 1842 their two children were living in Illinois.

iv. **Daniel Bowen**, b. 19 April 1786; bp. in the First Baptist Church at Cheshire 4 July 1804;[42] probably living in 1810 but not named in his father's 1841 will.

v. **David Bowen**, b. 19 Dec. 1789; d. at Adams 4 Feb. 1864;[43] m. (1) at Cheshire 8 May 1808, **Jerusha Scott**,[44] b. at Adams 23 March 1786, dau. of Sylvanus and Jerusha (Brown) Scott.[45] She d. at Cheshire 16 March 1818.[46] David m. (2) at Lenox, Berkshire Co., 30 Jan. 1821, **Nancy Carpenter**.[47]

vi. **Nancy Bowen**, b. 26 Nov. 1790; d., perhaps in Michigan, ca. 1871;[48] m. in 1812, **Samuel Scott**,[49] b. 6 June 1790, son of Sylvanus and Jerusha (Brown) Scott.[50] Samuel was named in his father's 1824 will.[51]

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[40] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," 42 (marriage), 37 (intentions 8 Aug. 1802). Both parties were of Cheshire.

[41] Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman, *The Waterman Family*, 3 vols. (vols. 1 & 2, New Haven, Conn.: Edgar Francis Waterman, vol. 3, Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Historical Society, 1939–54), 3: 344.

[42] Records of the First Baptist Church of Cheshire, Mass. (Family History Library microfilm 234,564), 88.

[43] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-11.

[44] "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," 69 (marriage), 62 (intentions 12 Mar. 1808). Both parties were of Cheshire.

[45] Hubert Bowen ms.; Berkshire Co. Probate, 31: 240–42.

[46] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-11.

[47] Lenox, Mass., Town Book, 1:368; "Massachusetts Vital Records, Cheshire, 1783–1892," 97 (marriage), 62 (intentions at Cheshire 6 Jan. 1821). She was of Lenox, he of Cheshire.

[48] Hubert Bowen ms.

[49] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants," E-11.

[50] Hubert Bowen ms.

[51] Berkshire Co. Probate, 31: 240–42.

Bowen, Peter
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Partridgefield, Berkshire County[1]

By William B. Saxbe, Jr., CG, FASG

Peter[5] **Bowen** was born at Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 2 June 1748, son of David[4] (*Richard*[3-2-1]) and Hannah (Smith) Bowen.[2] He married **Ruth Abby**.[3]

Peter Bowen may have been the man who enlisted as a private in Capt. John Banister's Company, Col. Job Cushing's Regiment, on 7 September 1777, serving two months and twenty-eight days until his discharge 29 November 1777.[4] There is no federal service or pension record for him. Although he does not appear as a grantee or grantor in Berkshire County deeds, in 1798 he was taxed on a house on forty perches of land with a valuation of $180 and a forty-seven-acre farm valued at $225.[5] The 1800 census of Partridgefield found Peter as head

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Partridgefield, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 485. His brother Christopher was on the same page. Partridgefield was renamed Peru in 1806 (William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, 5th edition [Boston: NEHGS, 1997], 92).

[2] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896* (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 548 (birth); James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1892), 2 (Providence):20, 171 (parents' marriage).

[3] Manuscripts of Hubert Bowen. The late Hubert Bowen collected Bowen material for many years; his extensive records are at the Ogden, Utah, Public Library and have been microfilmed by the Family History Library of Salt Lake City (microfilms 1,206,409–1,206,413). Although generally reliable, they are often inadequately documented and should be seen mostly as guides to further research. Other Abbys appear in the Partridgefield/Peru vital records, none clearly connected with Ruth, and no birth or marriage record has been found for her.

[4] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1896–1908), 2: 329.

[5] Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798, 20: 542, 572. His brother

of a household with one male over 45, one male 16–26, one male under 10, one female 10–16, one female 26–45, and one female over 45.[6] There was no Massachusetts household headed by Peter Bowen in 1810 or 1820. Only one of his children has been identified, although a P. B. Bowen appeared in the 1830 census of Peru; this man was 40–50 years old, of an age to have been a son of Peter Bowen, but he could have been the son of Peter's brother Christopher.[7]

Known child of Peter and Ruth (Abby) Bowen:

i. **Hannah Smith[6] Bowen**,[8] m., intentions at Partridgefield 18 Dec. 1797, **Daniel Kinne**.[9] One known child, Levi, b. at Partridgefield 14 Sept. 1799.[10]

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Christopher was on the same pages.

[6] 1800 U.S. Census, Partridgefield, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 186. His brother Christopher was on the same page.

[7] 1830 U.S. Census, Peru, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 62, p. 434.

[8] She is believed to be a daughter of Peter Bowen because of her given names (those of her paternal grandmother) and because the only Bowens who were in Partridgefield at the time of Hannah's 1797/1798 marriage were Peter and his brother Christopher. Christopher's children have been identified.

[9] *Vital Records of Peru, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1902), 61.

[10] *Vital Records of Peru*, 31.

Bowen, Valentine
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Adams, Berkshire County[1]

By William B. Saxbe, Jr., CG, FASG

Valentine[5] **Bowen** was born at Swansea, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 25 November 1722, son of Hezekiah[4] Bowen (*Obadiah*[3–2], *Richard*[1]) and Elizabeth (Landon) Bowen.[2] He died on 20 January 1799 and was buried at Cheshire, Berkshire County.[3]

He married at Swansea on 14 November 1745, **Jemima Martin**.[4] She was born at Swansea about 1728, daughter of John and Mercy/Marcy (____) (Thurber) Martin.[5] She died, presumably at Cheshire, after 5 June 1797, when she was named in her husband's will, and was still living when it was proved on 5 March 1799.[6]

Valentine lived at Swansea until about 17 December 1770, when he bought property at New Providence (later Adams, still later Cheshire), Berkshire County.[7] He bought additional property at New Providence

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1 1790 U. S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

2 H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1992), 161 (birth), 180 (parents' marriage, Elizabeth's name spelled "Landol").

3 Date of death from his gravestone in a family cemetery on Fales Road, Cheshire, Mass. See Randi T. Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln and Scovill(e) Descendants of Thomas Rogers (with Bowen and Barnum Allied Families)," typescript formerly at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, now at the New York City Public Library (N.Y., 1980), E-2; Patricia Law Hatcher, *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, 4 vols. (Dallas, Texas: Pioneer Heritage Press, 1987), 1: 101.

4 Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 207.

5 Henry J. Martin, *Notices: Genealogical and Historical of the Martin Family of New England* (Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1880), 87–88.

6 Berkshire Co. Probate, 9: 527–28.

7 Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 9: 41.

in 1772 and 1773[8] and sold property at Swansea and Rehoboth, Bristol County, in 1771, 1772, and 1775.[9] He fought at the Battle of Bennington 16 August 1777, as a lieutenant in "Col. Joab Stafford's (independent) co. of volunteers."[10]

His will, signed 9 June 1797, proved in Berkshire County on 5 March 1799, named all the children, including the children of daughters Phebe and Anne, who were deceased.[11]

Children of Valentine[5] and Jemima (Martin) Bowen, all born at Swansea:

i. **Phebe[6] Bowen**, b. 11 July 1746;[12] d., probably at Swansea, prior to 16 May 1794, when she was not named in her husband's will;[13] m. at Swansea 17 March 1765, **Melatiah Martin**,[14] b. at Swansea 23 March 1736, son of Melatiah and Abigail (____) Martin.[15] He d., probably at Swansea, where he signed his will 16 May 1794, but before it was proved on 4 Nov. 1794.[16] Melatiah appears in Swansea in the 1790 census with four males over 16 and five females.[17]

ii. **Hezekiah Bowen**, b. 27 Dec. 1748;[18] m. **Susanna Edwards**. See separate sketch.

iii. ?**Elijah Bowen**, b. 18 Jan. 1750; d., presumably at Swansea, prior to 10 Nov. 1756, when another Elijah was born.[19] However, this is probably an error; the date is almost the same as Elizabeth's birth.

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[8] Berkshire Co. (Northern District) Deeds, 4: 121, 16: 416.

[9] Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 59: 303, 418; 70: 112; 75: 405.

[10] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War,* 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 2: 331; Ellen M. Raynor & Emma L. Petitclerc, *History of the Town of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Massachusetts* (Holyoke, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1885), 206.

[11] Berkshire Co. Probate, 9: 527–28, the original will in file 1978.

[12] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 131.

[13] There is no death record for Phebe (Bowen) Martin or her husband Melatiah in the Swansea vital records.

[14] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 192.

[15] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 117.

[16] Bristol Co. Probate, 33: 139–41.

[17] 1790 U.S. Census, Swansea, Bristol Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 597.

[18] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 82.

[19] J. Russell Bullock, *Richard Bullock of Rehoboth, 1644, and Some of His Descendants*, typescript at the Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence (n.p.: 1892), 117. Neither the birth nor the death appears in the Swansea vital records.

iv. **Elizabeth Bowen**, b. 15 Jan. 1750/51;[20] d. at Rutland, Rutland Co.,Vt., 21 July 1838;[21] m. **William Jenkins**,[22] b. at Bristol, Bristol Co., R.I., 1 March 1748/49, son of Joseph and Phebe (Sharp) Jenkins.[23] He d. at Rutland 2 May 1822.[24]

v. **Anne Bowen**, b. 4 May 1753;[25] d. prior to 5 June 1797, when she was called deceased in her father's will; m. ___ **Cole**. One child named Samuel Cole.[26]

vi. **Nathan Bowen**, b. 5 Jan. 1755;[27] d. 10 Feb. 1842;[28] m. **Anna Lockwood**. See separate sketch.

vii. **Elijah Bowen**, b. 10 Nov. 1756;[29] m. **Martha "Patty" Cody**, sister of his brother Benajah's wife. See separate sketch.

viii. **Aaron Bowen**, b. 3 May 1759;[30] m. (1) **Lucy May**; m. (2) **Abigail Smith**. See separate sketch.

ix. **Peleg Bowen**, b. 22 March 1761;[31] d. after 1811.[32]

x. **Benajah Bowen**, b. 3 May 1763;[33] m. **Hannah Cody**, sister of his brother Elijah's wife. See separate sketch.

xi. **Jemima Bowen**, b. 3 May 1765;[34] d. at Castleton, Rutland Co., 10 March 1835; m. before 1784, **Charles Lincoln**, b. at Taunton, Bristol Co., Mass., 13 April 1761. He d. at Castleton 7 March 1827.[35]

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[20] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 66.

[21] Family group sheet in the Manuscript Collection of Hubert Bowen at the Ogden, Utah, Public Library (FHL films 1206,409–413). See the Joseph Bowen sketch for a discussion of this source.

[22] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln-Scoville Descendants," E-10.

[23] James N.Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1894), 6 (Bristol): 29 (parents' marriage), 85 (birth).

[24] Family group sheet in the Hubert Bowen manuscript collection.

[25] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 38.

[26] Berkshire Co. Probate 9: 527–28.

[27] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 126.

[28] "[Nathan] Bowen Bible," *Calvert County, Maryland, Genealogical Society Newsletter* 11 [June 1996]: 2.

[29] *Vital Records of Swansea*, 67.

[30] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 39.

[31] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 133.

[32] Bowen News Exchange 4 [1995]: 3. Peleg Bowen's whereabouts in 1790 are unknown, but he was named in his father's 1797 will (Berkshire Co. Probate 9: 527–28).

[33] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 262.

[34] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 266.

[35] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln-Scoville Descendants," E-12. There are numerous Lincoln entries in the Taunton vital records, but no birth record for Charles Lincoln.

xii. **Mercy Bowen**, b. 2 Feb. 1768;[36] m. at Adams, Berkshire Co., 19 Aug. 1788, **Waterman Baker**.[37] This family was in the 1790 census at Adams; their entry follows that of Valentine Bowen.[38]

xiii. **Amey Bowen**, b. 6 Sept. 1770; d. at Cheshire, Berkshire Co., 12 Feb. 1817;[39] m. at Windsor, Berkshire Co., 22 April 1790, **Benjamin Bliss**,[40] b. at Rehoboth 17 Aug. 1761, son of Ephraim and Mary (Moulton) Bliss.[41] He d. at Cheshire 11 April 1823.[42] This family was in the 1790 census at Adams; their entry follows that of Benager [*sic*, Benajah] Bowen.[43]

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[36] Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea*, 269.

[37] Vital Records of Adams, Mass. (Family History Library microfilm 0760,652), 5 (intentions), 48 (marriages).

[38] 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

[39] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln-Scoville Descendants," E-12.

[40] Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800*, 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1897–1914; repr. 3 vols. in 1, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 3: 146.

[41] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth [Massachusetts], 1642–1896* (1897; reprint, Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1992), 32 (parents' marriage), 538 (birth).

[42] Loftsgaarden, "Lincoln-Scoville Descendants," E-12.

[43] 1790 U.S. Census, Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 23.

[Burghardt], Jacob "Jack"

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Great Barrington, Berkshire County[1]

By Christopher Challender Child

Jacob "Jack" Burghardt, recorded in the 1790 census as "Jacob, Negro," was born at either Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, or at Great Barrington about 1766, son of Tom and _____ (_____) Etson/Burghardt.[2]

Jack married first **Lydia** ___. "Lydia, w. Jack B." was buried at Great Barrington on 23 April 1790.[3]

Jack married second **Violet** ___, believed by W. E. B. DuBois to have been either born in Africa or a child of slaves born in Africa. She died about 1810.[4]

Jack's father, Tom Burghardt, was born in West Africa and was a slave of the Etson or Etten and later of the Burghardt family of Kinderhook and then Great Barrington. Tom was reportedly manumitted for his service in the Revolutionary War shortly before Massachusetts'

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 251.

[2] *W. E. B. Du Bois Papers, 1803–1999* (bulk: 1877–1963), Series 16. Miscellaneous Material, 1803–1964, housed at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst (*see http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/ead/mums312.html*) and available on microfilm at the Boston Public Library. Jack Burghardt was the great-grandfather of William Edward Burghardt DuBois, whose papers at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, show DuBois was very interested in his genealogy. The papers contain several charts, correspondence, and other documents pertaining to this family. African-Americans were not always included in the vital records of towns in late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Massachusetts, so the genealogical charts of DuBois, compiled in the latter part of the nineteenth century, have also been used to construct this family.

[3] *Vital Records of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 89, from St. James Episcopal Church records.

[4] Genealogical charts in the W. E. B. Du Bois Papers; 1810 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 134.

eventual ending of slavery after the Quock Walker decision in the early 1780s (see below).[5] He was listed as "Tom, a negro" serving as a private under Captain John Spoor's Company of Col. John Ashley's Berkshire Regiment in October 1780 for four days.[6]

The order of Jack's children given in charts drawn by W. E. B. DuBois were Thomas, Chloe, Samuel, Othello, Jane, Lucinda, Lucinda, Eva?, Maria, Ira, Harlow. DuBois also said there were five sons and four daughters. Perhaps he meant four daughters who survived infancy. He does say Violet was Jack's second wife, so given his age as noted below, it would make sense that Thomas is his son by his first wife, despite the fact that Violet is listed as his mother on his death record.[7]

There were eleven people in Jack's household by 1800 and fourteen by 1810. He was perhaps dead by 1820.[8]

W. E. B. DuBois claimed that Jack Burghardt also married Mum Bett, also known as Elizabeth Freeman (ca. 1744–1829) of Sheffield, Massachusetts, who had challenged her enslavement before the Massachusetts courts in the 1781 county court case *Brom and Bett v. Ashley* (that was later cited as precedent in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court case of *Walker v. Jennison*, which essentially led to the end of slavery in Massachusetts in the 1780s). Her owner was Col. John Ashley, under whose regiment Tom Burghardt had fought. However, Elizabeth was twenty years older than Burghardt, no record of their marriage has been found, nor does the name on her own gravestone suggest the marriage. A recent biography about Mum Bett has suggested that Freeman's daughter Betsy Humphrey may have married Burghardt after her first husband, Jonah Humphrey, left the area around 1811 (and later immigrated to Liberia in 1835) and after the death of Jack's second wife around 1810.[9]

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[5] W. E. B. Du Bois Papers.

[6] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 15: 831.

[7] Genealogical charts in the W. E. B. Du Bois Papers.

[8] 1800 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 108; 1810 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 134. He has not been found in the 1820 census.

[9] Emilie Piper and David Levinson, *One Minute a Free Woman: Elizabeth Freeman and the Struggle for Freedom* (Salisbury, Conn.: Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, 2010), especially pp. 134–37, DuBois interviewed his uncle and cousin about a connection to Mum Bett. His uncle responded, "I used to hear Father tell us about his stepmother he used to call her Mother Betsey." Cousin Lucinda responded, "We don't remember anything about our grandfather; his first wife's name was Violet and

Two of Jack's children died without issue, both in 1860, so their wills are especially useful for the reconstruction of this family. His oldest son, Thomas Burghardt, made his will 13 June 1860, and it was proved 6 February 1861. He listed his living siblings, Maria Van Ness, Lucinda Freeman, Othello Burghardt, Ira Burghardt, and Harlow Burghardt, and he appointed Miss Mary Kellogg, "one of the family with whom I have lived so many years," as his trustee and executor. Witnesses were Charles W. Hopkins, Wm. Sherman, and N. Kellogg.[10]

Lucinda Freeman, relict of James Freeman, made her will 22 November 1860. It was proved on 6 February 1861, the same day as the will of her brother Thomas. She named brothers Othello Burghardt, Ira Burghardt, and Harlow Burghardt, Harlow's son Albert D. Burghardt, Ira's son Henry W. Burghardt, sister Maria Van Ness, niece Lucinda M. Burghardt [daughter of Harlow], niece Martha Burghardt, and niece Mary Jones. She too appointed Mary Kellogg executor. Ralph Taylor, Wm. Sherman, and Nancy Kellogg witnessed.[11]

Child of Jack and Lydia Burghardt, b. Great Barrington:

i. **Thomas Burghardt**, b. ca. 16 April 1786[12] or ca. 1789–90;[13] d. at Great Barrington 20 July 1860, aged 74 years 3 months 4 days; unm.[14]

Children of Jack and Violet Burghardt, b. Great Barrington:[15]

ii. **Chloe Burghardt**, d. before 1860, probably without issue.

iii. **Samuel Burghardt**, d. before 1860, probably without issue.

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his second wife's name was Betsey Humphrey." (In another letter this same cousin speculates Betsey's maiden name could have been Vosburgh). While this could suggest Mum Bett's daughter Betsey Humphrey was the last wife of Jack Burghardt, she continued to use the Humphrey surname in the 1820s and 1830s and remained living at Stockbridge (and not at Great Barrington). Piper and Levinson conclude that "it is conceivable that Jack and Betsey never married but did have a relationship and that she lived for some years with him, perhaps to help raise his children (still at home after Violet died), later returning to Stockbridge and her family."

[10] Berkshire Probate Records, 109: 417–18.

[11] Berkshire Probate Records, 109: 421–22.

[12] Calculated from his age at death.

[13] 1850 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 172; 1860 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, roll 488, p. 426.

[14] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 138: 34.

[15] Genealogical charts in the W. E. B. Du Bois Papers, listed in the order given there.

iv. **Othello Burghardt**, b. Nov. 1788[16] or 1789–90[17] or 18 Nov. 1791;[18] d. at Great Barrington 19 Sept. 1872, aged 83 years 10 months;[19] m. **Sarah Lampman**, b. Hillsdale, N.Y., ca. 1792, d. at Great Barrington 19 Jan. 1879, aged 86 years.[20] Their dau. Mary Sylvana Burghardt married Alfred DuBois and was the mother of W. E. B. DuBois (1867–1963).[21]

v. **Jane Burghardt**, d. before 1860, probably without issue.

vi. **Lucinda Burghardt**, died young.[22]

vii. **Lucinda Burghardt**, b. ca. 1794–95[23] or ca. 1792;[24] d. at Great Barrington 26 Nov. 1860, aged 68 years;[25] m. **James Freeman**, b. R.I. ca. 1785,[26] d. at Great Barrington 23 Feb. 1856, aged 71 years.[27]

viii. ?**Eva Burghardt**, d. before 1860, probably without issue.[28]

ix. **Maria Burghardt**, b. ca. 1800,[29] ca. 1803, or 1804–05;[30] d. at Great Barrington 22 March 1872, aged 72 [*sic*];[31] m. at Great Barrington 4 May 1836,[32] **Samuel Van Ness**, b. N.Y. ca. 1806–07, d. probably between 1850 and 1855.[33]

x. **Ira Burghardt**, b. ca. 24 April 1800;[34] d. at Great Barrington 26

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[16] Calculated from his age at death.

[17] 1860 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 488, p. 347.

[18] W. E. B. Du Bois Papers.

[19] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 247: 38.

[20] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 310: 31.

[21] Genealogical charts in the papers of W. E. B. Du Bois.

[22] Genealogical charts in the W. E. B. Du Bois Papers.

[23] 1850 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 191.

[24] Calculated from her age at death.

[25] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 138: 35.

[26] 1850 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 191; age at death.

[27] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 1856, 102: 30.

[28] Genealogical charts in the W. E. B. Du Bois Papers.

[29] Calculated from her age at death.

[30] 1850 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 172 (aged 45); 1865 Massachusetts Census, Great Barrington, dwelling number 625; 1855 Massachusetts Census, Great Barrington, dwelling number 90, says she was 62 years of age, which cannot be right.

[31] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 247: 37.

[32] *Vital Records of Great Barrington*, 26.

[33] 1850 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 172; Samuel is not with Maria in the 1855 Massachusetts Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Great Barrington, dwelling number 90.

[34] Calculated from age at death.

April 1871, aged 71 years 2 days;[35] m. (1) **Mariah** _____, bur. at Great Barrington 28 June 1837;[36] m. (2) Stockbridge, Mass., 27 March 1841,[37] **Elizabeth Jones**, b. Sheffield, Mass., ca. 3 Sept. 1818, daughter of Hachabah and Mercy (___) Jones, d. Great Barrington 21 Dec. 1858, aged 40 years 3 months 18 days.[38]

xi. **Harlow A. Burghardt**, b. ca. 28 May 1803;[39] d. at Great Barrington 2 July 1874, aged 71 years 1 month 4 days;[40] m. **Althea King**, b. at Sharon, Conn., ca. 1805–06, dau. of _____ and Margaret King; d. at Great Barrington 29 Nov. 1875, aged 69 years.[41]

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[35] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 238: 35.

[36] *Vital Records of Great Barrington*, 66.

[37] Stockbridge Vital Records, 1737–1900 (FHL 0,028,332), 211.

[38] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 120: 31.

[39] Calculated from his age at death.

[40] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 265: 37.

[41] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 274: 42.

Chapman, Nathaniel
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Longmeadow, Hampshire County[1]

By Judy Bedford

Nathaniel Chapman was born at Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 13 September 1746, and he was baptized there on 26 August 1750, son of John and Martha (Perley) (Boardman) Chapman.[2] He died at Salem, Washington County, Ohio, on 18 February 1807.[3]

Nathaniel married first, at Leominster, Worcester County, on 8 February 1770, **Elizabeth Symonds**. She was born at Leominster 2 February 1748/49, daughter of Captain James and Anna (Lawrence) Symonds. Elizabeth died at Leominster 18 July 1776.[4]

While Capt. Nathaniel Chapman was stationed at Springfield, Hampshire County [now in Hampden County], he met and married secondly, at Springfield on 21 or 24 July 1780, **Lucy Cooley**.[5] She was

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Longmeadow, Hampshire Co., Mass.; roll 4, p. 309.

[2] *Vital Records of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1912), 18. See Florence E. Wheeler, "John Chapman's Line of Descent from Edward Chapman of Ipswich," *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* 48 [1939]: 20–32, for a detailed and documented account of the ancestry of Nathaniel's son, Johnny Appleseed.

[3] "Longmeadow (Mass.) Families," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 33 [1879]: 202, from the journal of Jabez Colton; *Proceedings at the Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Longmeadow, October 17th, 1883* (Longmeadow, Mass.: R. S. Storrs, 1884), 26.

[4] *Vital Records of Leominster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1911), 127 (Elizabeth's birth), 185 (marriage), 301 (Elizabeth's death); Edward F. Johnson, *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages from 1640 to 1873* (Woburn, Mass.: Andrews, Cutler & Co., 1890), 3: 252 (her parents' marriage).

[5] Clifford L. Stott, FASG, *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts, to 1850*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2002), from Springfield Marriages, 2: 174, and 3rd Church of Christ (now 1st Church of Longmeadow) Records, 39.

born 9 June 1762, daughter of George Colton and Mabel (Hancock) Cooley.[6] Lucy died after 1810, probably at Salem, Washington County, Ohio.[7]

Nathaniel and Elizabeth lived in Leominster.[8] On 19 April 1775, Nathaniel answered the call for Minutemen and marched to Cambridge. In June of the next year he was assisting Captain Pollard in building defenses in New York and served in various places through 1780.[9] Nathaniel probably accompanied General Knox on his trip to Fort Ticonderoga to get the cannons for the defense of Boston. General Knox was an expert artificer and was responsible for Chapman's appointment as captain by the Continental Congress on 7 May 1778.[10] No list of the men who accompanied Knox has been found.

Robert Price in his book, *Johnny Appleseed, Man and Myth*, asserts that Nathaniel Chapman was involved in misdemeanors at the Springfield Arsenal.[11] However, in checking the records at the Library of Con-

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[6] Mortimer Elwyn Cooley, *The Descendants of Benjamin Cooley* (Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1941), 224; *Centenniel Celebration . . . of Longmeadow*, 51; Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, from Springfield Births, 2: 190, and Marriages, 2: 65 (parents' intentions of marriage).

[7] Jackson, Ronald V., Accelerated Indexing Systems, comp., *Ohio Census, 1790–1890*, database online at *Ancestry.com* (Provo, Utah: *Ancestry.com* Operations Inc., 1999). Images of the 1810 census of Ohio do not appear on Ancestry. However, Monty Johnson, "1810 Federal Census Washington County, Ohio (Salem Township)" (2005), a transcription of the original at Marietta College, is available at *http://files.usgwarchives.net/oh/washington/census/1810/pg017a.txt*. Lucy Chapman was living with a male 10–16 and a female under 10 and near two older sons, Abner and "Pearly."

[8] Letter sent by Elizabeth to Nathaniel Chapman: "Leominster, Massachusetts, June 3rd 1776." She addressed it to "Mr. Nathaniel Chapman in New York in Capt. Pollard's Company of carpenters, courtesy of Mr. Mullins." The author has a copy of her letter courtesy of the Leominster Historical Society, the original in the hands of a descendant of daughter Elizabeth in Detroit, Michigan.

[9] Letter sent by Elizabeth to Nathaniel Chapman; Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 3: 333, "Nathaniel Chapman, Leominster, Pvt., Capt. John Joslin's Co. of Minutemen, Col. John Whitcomb's Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Cambridge; service 11 days, reported enlisted into the army; *also* Capt. David Wilder's Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt. Master roll dated Aug. 1, 1775, enlisted April 26, 1775; service 3 mo. 13 days; *also* receipts for wages for Aug. and Sept. 1775, dated Prospect Hill, *also* a company return (probably Oct. 1775)." Also, "Nathaniel Chapman, Captain of wheelwrights, Maj. Joseph Eayrs's Co., Col. Flower's Regt. Of Artillery artificers; Continental Army pay accounts for service from March 19, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; *also* Maj. Eyres's corps at Springfield; Continental pay accounts from Jan. 1, 1780, to Sept. 30, 1780."

[10] Papers of the Continental Congress, No. 136, II folio 275: 472. "Nathaniel Chapman, Esq[r] to be captain of the additional company to Colonel Flower's regiment of artillery artificers."

[11] Robert Price, *Johnny Appleseed, Man and Myth* (Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 1954), 16.

gress, his name is not on the list of those involved in the subsequent court martial hearings.[12]

Nathaniel Chapman, called "gentleman," purchased land at Springfield from Richard Woolworth.[13] After George Cooley's death, Nathaniel and Lucy sold five lots of land that had belonged to her father in Longmeadow. One deed has a cut-out piece and a ribbon on it with Lucy Chapman's signature.[14]

In 1798 the Chapmans were living in Longmeadow on land owned by Nathaniel Ely.[15] In the winter of 1805 Lucy and Nathaniel and their family migrated to "the western country,"[16] i.e., Ohio.

Children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Symonds) Chapman, born at Leominster:[17]

i. **Elizabeth Chapman**, b. 18 Nov. 1770, bp. at Leominster 25 June 1775;[18] d. probably 18 Sept. 1835, bur. at Champion, Jefferson Co., New York;[19] m. at Charlemont, Mass., Dec. 1799, **Nathaniel Rudd Jr.**,[20] b. at Norwich, New London Co., Conn., 26 Oct. 1770, son of Nathaniel and Alice (Kingsley) Rudd.[21] He d. probably 23 Sept. 1844, aged 74, and was bur. with his wife.[22]

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[12] Letters of Delegates to Congress: Volume 12, February 1, 1779–May 31, 1779, Washington's letter to Israel Putnam ordering him to convene a court-martial for Lt. Cols. David Mason and William Smith and Maj. Joseph Eayres of Massachusetts. The courts-martial exonerated Mason and Smith; Eayres had already resigned. Contrary to Robert Price's assertion, Chapman is not mentioned.

[13] Hampshire County Deeds (at Hampden County), 28: 221–22.

[14] *Hampshire County Deeds (*at Hampden County*)*, Nathaniel Chapman, Gent., to Nathaniel Ely, 22: 39, 41; 24: 322; 28: 669–70; 30: 391.

[15] Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, online at *AmericanAncestors.org*, 18: 69.

[16] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202.

[17] *Vital Records of Leominster*, 36–37.

[18] Baptism Records of First Congregational Church, Leominster, Mass., 31.

[19] "Burial Listing for South Champion Cemetery, Town of Champion, Jefferson County, New York," the reading uncertain, viewed 30 January 2012 at *www.nnygenealogy.com/pages/cemetery/burials_by_cemetery.php?page=1&cemeteryid=320.*

[20] *Vital Records of Charlemont, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 120 (marriage), 71 (children b. 1800–1804).

[21] Jennie Tefft Gallup, "Records of Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, and Church Admissions of the Fifth [i.e., First] Church of Norwich, Connecticut, from 1739 to 1829," typescript, Mss A5587 in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS (date unknown; acquired 1929), online as Records of the First Church of Norwich [*Bozrah], Connecticut, 1739–1834* at *AmericanAncestors.org*; *Vital Records of Norwich, 1659–1848* (Hartford, Conn.: Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut, 1913), 335 (parents' marriage), 336 (birth).

[22] "Burial Listing for South Champion Cemetery," the reading uncertain.

ii. **John Chapman**, known as "Johnny Appleseed," b. 26 Sept. 1774, bp. at Leominster 25 June 1775;[23] d. unm. at Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Ind., 18 March 1845.[24]

iii. **Nathaniel Chapman Jr.**, b. 26 June 1776; died soon.

Children of Nathaniel Chapman and Lucy (Cooley) Chapman, born at Longmeadow:

iv. **Nathaniel Chapman**, b. 4 Dec. 1781;[25] d., probably at Farley, Center Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio,[26] 11 May 1861, bur. at Beverly, Waterford Twp., Washington Co., Ohio;[27] m. in Washington Co. 14 April 1808, **Ammarella** or **Amarilla Stevens**, both being of Waterford, Washington Co.,[28] b., probably at Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn.,[29] ca. 4 April 1790, dau. of Abraham and Rachel (Wheeler) Stevens.[30] She d., probably at Center Twp., 11 March 1860, bur. with her husband.[31] In 1860 a Nathaniel Chapman, aged 80, was

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[23] *Vital Records of Leominster*, 185.

[24] John Chapman's obituary, *Fort Wayne Sentinel*, Fort Wayne, Ind., 22 March 1845 (copy in Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne), "There died in this neighborhood at an advanced age Mr. John Chapman (better known as Johnny Appleseed)." Samuel Fetter, who attended Chapman in his dying hours, stated that "Johnny had on when he died, next to his body, a coarse coffee sack – a hole cut in the center for his head and the waists of 4 pairs of pants cut off and ripped up the sides; fronts thrown away. The hinder parts were buttoned around him – lapping like shingles to cover the lower part of his body: and over all this a pair of what had once been pantaloons."

[25] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, from Longmeadow Birth Records, 1: 2.

[26] Historic map of Center Twp., Morgan County, Ohio, showing the N. Chapman homestead at Farley P.O., copy in possession of the author.

[27] Photograph of the gravestone online at *findagrave.com* in Beverly Cemetery in Beverly, a village at Waterford Twp., Washington Co., Ohio, "Nathaniel Chapman a Native Of Mass. Died May 11, 1861 Aged 80 years [*sic*] 5 months 7 days"; viewed by the author in 2005.

[28] Bernice Graham and Elizabeth Cottle, *Washington County, Ohio, Marriages 1789–1822* (Marietta, Ohio; Marietta Chapter DAR, 1976), 13, her name spelled "Amirila."

[29] In 1790 an Abraham Stevens was enumerated there (1790 U.S. Census, Stamford and Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 1, p. 319). His gravestone on the old Gordon farm a few miles north of Beverly, Ohio, says he was born at "Stanford," an old spelling for the town (photograph in possession of the author).

[30] Abraham Stevens' will, Washington Co., Ohio, Probate, 4: 210–11. Abraham Stevens married Rachel Wheeler at Southbury, Conn., 20 Nov. 1777 (William Cothren, *History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut*, 3 vols. [Waterbury, Conn.: Bronson Brothers, 1854–59], 3: 482).

[31] Photograph of the gravestone online at *findagrave.com* in the Beverly Cemetery, "Ammorillah Stevens Wife of N. Chapman Died Mar. 11, 1860 Aged 69 yrs. 11 mo. 7 days"; viewed by the author in 2005.

living at Center Twp. (post office "Moscow Mills"), said to have been born in Conn.[32]

v. **Abner Chapman**, b. 16 July 1783.[33]

vi. **Perley Chapman**, b. 6 March 1785;[34] d. 28 April 1852, bur. in the Chapman Cemetery on the Ogle Farm near Dexter City, Noble Co., Ohio;[35] m. (1) Washington Co. 22 Sept. 1808, **Mary "Polly" Ogle**;[36] m. (2) **Phoebe Jackson**. Both wives are buried with Perley.[37] In 1850 Parley Chapman, a farmer, 65, b. Mass., Phebe 46, b. Ohio, and three children lived at Jackson, Morgan Co., Ohio.[38]

vii. **Lucy Chapman**, b. 21 July 1787.[39]

viii. **Patty Chapman**, b. 26 Feb. 1790.[40]

ix. **Persis Chapman**, b. 15 Nov. 1793;[41] d. 29 June 1859, bur. in Chandlersville Cemetery, Muskingum Co., Ohio;[42] m. (1) **William Broom**;[43] m. (2) Mercer Co., Ohio, 24 March 1850, **James Snow**.[44] In 1850 "Prussius" Snow, 55, b. Mass., and her husband James Snow, 77, b. Mass., lived at Jackson, Jay Co., Ind.[45]

x. **Mary Chapman**, b. 19 Jan. 1796;[46] d. 19 Jan. 1875; m. 19 March 1815, **Joseph Fletcher Jr.**,[47] b. 17 Dec. 1795, son of Joseph and

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[32] 1860 U.S. Census, Center Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio, roll 1016, p. 365.

[33] Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, from Longmeadow Birth Records, 1: 2; *Proceedings at the Centennial Celebration*, 51.

[34] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[35] Author's visit to the cemetery; Hazel Matthews, transcript of gravestones at the Noble County Court House, Caldwell, Ohio.

[36] Graham and Cottle, *Washington County, Ohio, Marriages*, 13.

[37] See the note for his burial.

[38] 1850 U.S. Census, Jackson, Morgan Co., Ohio, roll 715, p. 277.

[39] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[40] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[41] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[42] Photograph of her gravestone at *findagrave.com*, as "Percis Snow."

[43] In the unnumbered estate papers of John Chapman, Allen County Court House, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Persis Broom, "sister of John," renounces her right to administer his will. On another page, William Broom, "brother in law," is owed a debt by John Chapman.

[44] Ohio Marriages, 1800–1958, database online at *FamilySearch.org*, her name spelled "Prissis Broom."

[45] 1850 U.S. Census, Jackson, Jay Co., Ind., roll 153, p. 334.

[46] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; not listed in Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225. Fletcher Bible at *http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~rbarry4145/FletcherTitle.htm*, viewed 3 February 2012, which says she was born in 1795.

[47] Fletcher Bible (Mary's death and marriage).

Catherine (Warth) Fletcher. He d. 4 March 1866.[48] In 1850 Joseph Fletcher, 54, and Mary Fletcher, 34 [*sic*], lived at Green, Gallia Co.[49] In 1860 Joseph and Mary were both 64, still living at Green.[50]

xi. **Jonathan Cooley Chapman**, b. 2 Feb. 1798.[51]

xii. **Davis Chapman**, b. 24 April 1800;[52] d. 6 May 1883, bur. in Greenlawn Cemetery at Lowell, Adams Twp., Washington Co.;[53] m. in Washington Co. 30 May 1822, **Sarah Davis**,[54] b. at Salem Twp., Washington Co., 9 March 1803, dau. of Dudley and Mercy (Woods) Davis. Sarah d. 11 March 1892 and was bur. with her husband.[55] In 1850 Davis 50, Sarah 47, and their five children lived at Adams Twp.[56] In 1860 Davis, 60, and Sarah, 57, lived in Lowell.[57]

xiii. **Sally Chapman**, b. 23 April 1803;[58] d. 7 Nov. 1883, aged 80, bur. in Round Bottom Cemetery at Coal Run, Waterford Twp., Washington Co.;[59] m. (1) in Washington Co. 1 March 1821, **John Whitney**,[60] b. at Westminster, Worcester Co., 25 July 1793, son of Phineas and Elizabeth (Rand) Whitney.[61] He d. 6 Jan. 1849 in his 56th year, bur. in Round Bottom Cemetery.[62] Sally m. (2) in Washington Co. 24 Feb. 1853, **George Fossett Brown** of

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[48] Fletcher Bible (Joseph's birth, death, and parents' marriage). This Bible also says that a Joseph Fletcher died 17 July 1843, but that was probably Joseph Jr.'s father.

[49] 1850 U.S. Census, Green, Gallia Co., Ohio, roll 681, p. 33.

[50] 1860 U.S. Census, Green, Gallia Co., Ohio, roll 966, p. 305.

[51] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[52] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[53] Photograph of the monument online at *findagrave.com*.

[54] Graham and Cottle, *Washington County, Ohio, Marriages*, 13.

[55] Photograph of the monument online at *findagrave.com*, other family information in an annotation.

[56] 1850 U.S. Census, Adams, Washington Co., Ohio, roll 738, p. 264, both b. in Penn. [*sic*].

[57] 1860 U.S. Census, Lowell, Washington Co., Ohio, roll 1049, p. 408, Davis b. Mass., Sarah b. Ohio, with one child, Rector, aged 20, who was aged 10 in 1850.

[58] "Longmeadow Families," *Register* 33: 202; Cooley, *Benjamin Cooley*, 225.

[59] Elijah Hayward, *Cemetery Inscriptions of Washington County* (Columbus, Ohio: State Library of Ohio, 1988), Round Bottom Cemetery, 43, as "Sally Brown."

[60] Graham and Cottle, *Washington County, Ohio, Marriages*, 78.

[61] *Vital Records of Westminster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908), 98 (birth), 202 (parents' marriage); Frederick Clifton Pierce, *Whitney, The Descendants of John Whitney . . . Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1635* (Chicago, Ill.: W. B. Conkey Co., 1895), 148.

[62] Hayward, *Cemetery Inscriptions of Washington County*, 43.

Morgan Co., Ohio,[63] b. 9 May 1801, d. July 11, 1870, aged 67 years 2 months 31 days, bur. in Polsley Cemetery at Yorktown, Lincoln Twp., Page Co., Iowa.[64] In 1870 George F. Brown, 58 [*sic*], b. Penn., and Sarah, 65, b. Mass, lived at Harlan, Page Co.[65] Sarah apparently returned to Ohio and lived with her dau., Amarilla Coburn.[66]

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[63] Image online in Ohio Marriages, 1890–1950, at *FamilySearch.org*, his middle name from his gravestone.

[64] Photograph of the gravestone and of George himself at *findagrave.com*. This entry contains a long annotation.

[65] 1870 U.S. Census, Harlan, Page Co., Iowa, roll 414, p. 431.

[66] Lynne Alber file at WorldConnect, extensive notes viewed online on 3 February 2012 at *http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2713656&id=I584884465*.

Converse, Samuel Davis
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Worthington, Hampshire County[1]

By Bryson Caldwell Cook and Janet Stacy Porter

Samuel Davis[6] Converse was baptized at Thompson, Windham County, Connecticut, on 17 February 1741/42, son of Edward Converse Jr. and Mary (Davis) Converse.[2] He died at Worthington on 15 July 1831, aged 89.[3]

Samuel married, probably about 1765, **Elizabeth Harris**.[4] She was born at Woodstock, Windham County, on 5 August 1739, daughter of Abner and Deborah (Marcy) Harris.[5] She was probably living at

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[1] 1790 U. S. Census, Worthington, Hampshire, Mass.; roll 4, p. 631.

[2] Mary B. Bishop and Mrs. William H. Mansfield, "Thompson, Connecticut, Congregational Church Baptisms, 1730–1795, Copied and Arranged by Families, July 1, 1928," typescript [FHL 1,014,185, Item 2], 12; William Frederick Adams and William Richard Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of the State of Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1910), 1: 497; Charles Allen Converse, *Some of the Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Converse, Jr., of Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn.*, 2 vols. (Boston: Eben Putnam, 1905), 1: 53.

[3] *Vital Records of Worthington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, NEHGS, 1911), 133, "Convers, Davis, July 15, 1831, a. 89."

[4] Abner Harris of Chesterfield, Vermont [*sic*], named wife Deborah and all his children in his will dated 4 Sept. 1781. It was proved 23 Aug. 1789. Personal estate was distributed to several children, including Elizabeth Converse, and an account presented in court on 27 June 1814 included a payment f $61.67 to Samuel Davis Converse (Cheshire Co., N.H., Probate, 3: 489–91; 4: 447). Documents in these probate records as well as the index to the New Hampshire Town Records series (Family History Library microfilm 0,014,991) show that Abner lived at Chesterfield, N.H., not Vt. See also, George Thomas Little, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*, 4 vols. (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1909), 4: 1867.

[5] *Vital Records of Woodstock, 1686–1854* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1914), 58, 69. Clarence Winthrop Bowen, *The History of Woodstock, Connecticut,*

Worthington in 1820 but died, probably at Worthington, before 1830. Elizabeth probably died in or before 1824, when Samuel deeded land to his single daughter, Mary (see below). In 1830 Samuel was probably living with his daughter.[6]

Samuel Davis left Connecticut and was living at Chesterfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, until 1782.[7] While there, he served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Lieut. James Robertson's Company, Colonel Ashley's Regiment, marching in June 1777 to Fort Ticonderoga and participating in the battle at Bennington in July in Captain Kimball Carlton's company under Colonel Moses Nichols.[8] After the war he resided a short time at Dummerston, Windham County, Vermont,[9] but sold land there in 1784.[10] He evidently bought a quarter acre at Worthington, which he sold on 11 December 1785,[11] but was "of Windsor, Massachusetts," [where his parents lived] when he bought twenty-three acres at Worthington on 27 April 1787.[12] On 26 April 1824 he deeded his homestead at Worthington, on the road from Worthington to Cheshire, to his daughter Mary,[13] and he subsequently died in the home of his son Elisha.[14]

Children of Samuel Davis and Elizabeth (Harris) Davis:

i. **Willard[7] Converse**, bp. at Thompson 24 Aug. 1766.[15]

Genealogies of Woodstock Families, 8 vols. (Norwood, Mass.: Plimpton Press and Worcester, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society, 1926–1943), 6: 696, actually says Elizabeth, dau. of Abner and Deborah (Marcy) Harris, born on the above date, married Thacher. However, cf. ii. Elizabeth below.

[6] 1810 U.S. Census, Worthington, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 19, p. 116; 1820 U.S. Census, Worthington, roll 50, p. 153; 1830 U.S. Census, Worthington, roll 63, p. 409.

[7] Adams and Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts*, 1: 497.

[8] Oran E. Randall, *History of Chesterfield, Cheshire County, N.H.* (Brattleboro, Vt.: D. Leonard, 1882), 93–99; Adams and Cutter, Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts, 1: 497.

[9] Adams and Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts*, 1: 497.

[10] Dummerston Deeds [FHL 0,028,153], 1: 186. Deed dated 20 Sept. 1784, "Samuel Davis Converse of Dunmerston, yeoman" sold land. His wife was not named.

[11] Hampshire County Deeds, 20: 3.

[12] Hampshire County Deeds, 11: 234.

[13] Hampshire County Deeds, 51: 483.

[14] Converse, *Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Converse, Jr.*, 1: 96.

[15] Bishop and Mansfield, "Thompson, Congregational Church baptisms," 36.

ii. **Elizabeth Converse**, bp. at Thompson 24 Aug. 1766;[16] d. at Chesterfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., 4 Jan. 1847, aged 81;[17] m. as his second wife, say 1789/90, **Simeon Thrasher**,[18] b. at Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass., 23 July 1766, son of Arthur and Sarah (Simmons) Thresher,[19] and d. at Chesterfield 18 May 1847, aged 83, farmer.[20]

iii. **Walter Converse**, bp. at Thompson 19 July 1767;[21] d. 4 Sept. 1852, bur. at Williamstown, Berkshire Co., Mass.;[22] m. there 30 Jan. 1792, **Asenath Torrey**,[23] b. at Williamstown 1 Oct. 1772, dau. of John and Ruth (Tyrell) Torrey,[24] and d. 25 Sept. 1869, bur. in Williamstown.[25] In 1850 at Williamstown, Walter was 83, a farmer b. Conn., with Asenath 74, b. in Mass.,[26] but their deaths are not recorded there. They may have died at Butternuts, Otsego Co., N.Y.[27]

iv. **John Converse**, b. at Chesterfield 5 March 1772; d. at Durham, Androscoggin Co., Maine, 5 March 1772; m. at Windham, Cumberland Co., Maine, 17 March 1799, **Sallie Hanson** of Windham, dau. of Ichabod and Abigail (Hayes) Hanson.[28]

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[16] Bishop and Mansfield, "Thompson, Congregational Church baptisms," 36.

[17] Chesterfield, Mass., Births, Marriages, Deaths (1796–1891), and marriage intentions (1803–1909) [FHL Film 1,871,286, item 1-2], 180; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 26: 180.

[18] Adams and Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts*, 1: 497–98; George Reed Moody, *The South Worthington Parish, 1899–1905* (South Worthington, Mass.: the author, 1905), 38.

[19] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896* (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 752 (birth), 356 (parents' marriage).

[20] Chesterfield, Mass., Births, Marriages, Deaths, 180; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 26: 180.

[21] Bishop and Mansfield, "Thompson, Congregational Church Baptisms," 36; Adams and Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts*, 1: 498, claims he was born on that date.

[22] Fort Massachusetts Chapter, NSDAR, North Adams, Mass., "Gravestone Inscriptions, Southlawn Cemetery, South Williamstown, Massachusetts" [FHL 234,575 item 2], 7.

[23] *Vital Records of Williamstown, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1907), 130.

[24] John Torrey, *Genealogical Notes Showing the Paternal Line of Descent from William Torrey, of Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset County, England, A.D. 1557, to Jason Torrey, of Bethany, Penn'a* (Scranton, Penn.: J. S. Horton, 1885), 13. See also Arthur Latham Perry, *Williamstown and Williams College* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899), 68–69, for data on Asenath, dau. of John Torrey.

[25] "Gravestone Inscriptions, Southlawn Cemetery, South Williamstown, Massachusetts," 7.

[26] 1850 U.S. Census, Williamstown, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 305, p. 149.

[27] Adams and Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts*, 1: 498, which says Walter lived there.

[28] Little, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*, 4: 1867.

v. **Elisha Converse**, b. at Chesterfield 6 Aug. 1774;[29] d. at Worthington 23 May 1852, aged 76 years 9 months 19 days,[30] bur. in Convers Cemetery, South Worthington;[31] m. ca. 1794, **Lucy Curtis Mathews**,[32] b. in Conn. ca. June 1777[33] and d. at Worthington 5 Sept. 1861, aged 84 years 3 months, dau. of Samuel [*sic*] and Lucy (___) Matthews,[34] bur. in Convers Cemetery.[35] However, Lucy Curtiss Matthews was b. at Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn., 4 Dec. 1776, bp. at Cheshire, New Haven Co., 2 March 1777, dau. of Eliada and Lucy (Curtis) Matthews.[36]

vi. **Mary "Polly" Converse**,[37] b. at Chesterfield ca. 6 March 1779.[38] She lived and died at Worthington 14 June 1846, aged 56 years 9 months 21 days.[39]

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[29] Moody, *The South Worthington Parish, 1899–1905*, 60.

[30] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 67: 44, cancer, farmer, parents named.

[31] Headstone Inscription, Convers Cemetery, South Worthington, Hampshire, Mass., viewed and transcribed by the author; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[32] Converse, *Some of the Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Converse, Jr.*, 1: 97, says Lucy Curtis. Adams and Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs . . . Massachusetts*, 1: 498, calls her Lucy Matthews.

[33] 1850 U. S. Census, Worthington, Hampshire, Mass., roll 320, p. 32, aged 73, born in Connecticut; calculated from age at death.

[34] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 148: 36, old age, widow, b. in Conn., dau. of Samuel and Lucy Matthews.

[35] Headstone Inscription, Convers Cemetery, South Worthington, Hampshire, Mass., viewed and transcribed by the author; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[36] Barbour Collection, citing Wallingford Vital Records, 21: 517 (birth), 17: 197 (parents' marriage); Joseph Perkins Beach, *History of Cheshire, Connecticut* (Cheshire, Conn.: Lady Fenwick Chapter, DAR, 1912), 371 (baptism), 395 (parents' marriage). Cheshire was formed from Wallingford in 1780. Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 8 vols. (New Haven, 1922–32; repr. in 3 vols. with index, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974) 815, 1154, says her mother m. (2) after 1786, Robert Hotchkiss and d. 1 March 1821, aged 73, at Wells, Rutland Co., Vt. Hiland Paul, *History of Wells, Vermont* (Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Co., 1869), 105, claims Eliada died in the Revolution. However, the inventory of Eliada Matthew of Cheshire was accepted in April 1785. Items were distributed to widow "Leasey" or Lucy, but no children are named in the file (Wallingford District Probate, file 1136).

[37] Converse, *Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Converse, Jr.*, 1: 97.

[38] Calculated from her age at death.

[39] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 26: 199, dau. of Samuel D. and Sarah [*sic*] Converse; Births, marriages, intentions, deaths, 1768–1900, Worthington, Massachusetts [FHL 1,872,268], 138; Hampshire County Deeds [FHL 887,832], 78:174. Deed dated 16 Sept. 1828. She is referred to as a "single woman"; 1840 U. S. Census, Worthington, Hampshire Co., Mass., living alone. Elisha Converse of Worthington appeared in court to show Mary Converse, "last an inhabitant of Worthington, single woman in said county, has lately, *viz.*, on the 14th of June

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[1846], died intestate, leaving goods and estate of which administration is necessary, that your petitioner is brother and next of kin to said deceased" (Hampshire County Probate, B2: 468).

Cook, Ruhama (Collins)

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Richmond, Berkshire County [1]

By Bryson Caldwell Cook and Janet Stacy Porter

Ruhama[6] **Collins** was born at Guilford, New Haven County, Connecticut, on 9 September 1728, daughter of John[4] and Rachel (Mix) Collins.[2] She died at Richmond on 28 January 1808, aged 82 [*sic*].[3] She married at Guilford on 5 November 1748,[4] **Walter Cook**. He was born at Wallingford, New Haven County, on 21 December 1722, son of Joseph and Eleanor (Johnson) Cook.[5] He probably died at Richmond, where the family lived when his will was proved on 26 July 1780.[6]

Walter and Ruhama lived at Goshen, Litchfield County, Connecticut, at the top of Town Hill,[7] where eight of their nine children were born. On 14 December 1772 Walter sold all his Goshen land (fifty-six acres) to his brother Daniel Cook,[8] having previously purchased a farm at Richmond on 20 June 1771.[9]

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 503. Also there were Philip Cook, nephew of her husband; Manassa and Daniel Collins, her brother and her cousin; and David Chapin, who was married to her daughter Lydia.

[2] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Guilford Vital Records, 2: 25 (birth), 2: 44 (parents' marriage).

[3] *Vital Records of Richmond, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1913), 92.

[4] Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 8 vols. (New Haven, 1922–32; repr. in 3 vols. with index, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 1: 440.

[5] Barbour Collection, citing Wallingford Vital Records, 2: 791.

[6] Berkshire County Probate, 2: 192.

[7] Goshen Deeds, 3: 404; 4: 7. Walter purchased land adjacent to his brother Lambert on 15 November 1755. On 5 November 1759 he purchased Lambert's land, both pieces on Town Hill.

[8] Goshen Deeds, 5: 177.

[9] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 10: 329. "Winter Cook" of Richmond

Walter's will, dated 13 March 1777 and presented in court on 26 July 1780, named his wife, Ruhamah, and children Walter, John, Isaac, Pitman Collins, Asenah, Lydia, Lucy, and Eunice.[10]

Children of Walter and Ruhama (Collins) Cook:[11]

i. **Lydia[5] Cook**, b. at Wallingford 3 May 1750; d. at Richmond 20 Jan. 1825, aged 74;[12] m. ca. 1770, **David Chapin Jr.**, b. at Enfield, Hartford Co., Conn. 19 Sept. 1746, son of David and Thankful (Prior) Chapin.[13] He d. at Richmond 15 Feb. 1826, aged 81.[14]

ii. **Lucy Cook**, b. at Wallingford 23 Nov. 1752; m., probably at Richmond, about 1776, **Abijah Norton**, b. at Goshen 26 Feb. 1749, son of Samuel and Mary "Molly" (Lucas) Norton.[15] He d. at Easton, Ontario Co., N.Y., where his inventory is dated 18 Nov. 1805.[16] On 18 Aug. 1773 Abijah sold land at Goshen that he had inherited from his father, Samuel,[17] and moved to Richmond. By 1796 he had sold all his Richmond land[18] and moved to Easton. Lucy was still at Easton on 12 June 1811, when she signed a document for her husband's estate.[19]

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bought land 20 June 1771. Ruhama›s brother Tyrannus witnessed. He also bought land at Lenox, "recently annexed to Richmond" 4 February 1773 (Berkshire County Deeds, 12: 241).

[10] Berkshire County Probate, 2: 192.

[11] Barbour Collection, citing Wallingford Vital Records, 12: 385 (mother called Rowena), 13: 545 and 564 (Reuine), for the first four children; Goshen Vital Records, 1: 234, 327, for the next four children. Isaac was presumably born in Richmond.

[12] *Vital Records of Richmond*, 90.

[13] Francis Olcott Allen *History of Enfield, Connecticut*, 3 vols. (Lancaster, Penn.: Wickersham Printing Co., 1900), 2: 1652 (birth), 1769 (parents' marriage).

[14] *Vital Records of Richmond*, 90.

[15] Barbour Collection, citing Goshen Vital Records, 1: 260 (birth), 1: 255 (parents' marriage).

[16] Estate Inventory Files, 1797–1822, ms. at the Ontario County Historical Society, Canandaigua, N.Y. [FHL 1,769,004], no page numbers. The inventory lists Easton as the residence, but by the time the probate was completed, the township had changed to Gorham.

[17] Goshen Deeds, 5: 196, 372.

[18] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 19: 231. He sold land to his brother Samuel Norton Jr. of Goshen 21 Jan. 1785. On 26 April 1785 Abijah Norton and Lucy Norton of Richmond sold Lucy's brother-in-law David Chapin land in Richmond, Lucy's inheritance from her father, Walter Cook (ibid., 21: 576). Abijah's final land transaction in Berkshire County was 8 Dec. 1796, acknowledged 18 Dec. 1796 (ibid., 36: 439).

[19] Ontario County, New York, Surrogate's Court, Estate Inventory Files, 1797-1822, Canandaigua, N.Y., microfilm of handwritten ms. at Ontario County Historical

iii. **Eunice Cook**, b. at Wallingford 10 Nov. 1754; d. at West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co. 8 Dec. 1844, aged 90 years 8 months;[20] bur. in Southwest Cemetery on Cone Hill at Richmond;[21] m., probably at Richmond, ca. 1775, **Ashbel Cone**, b. at East Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., 2 Aug. 1747, son of Joseph and Mary (Smith) Cone.[22] He was of West Stockbridge when he d. 14 April 1802, aged 56, bur. with Eunice.[23] Ashbel was listed on the 1790 and 1800 census at West Stockbridge.[24] His probate was begun 20 April 1802.[25]

iv. **Pitman Collins Cook**, b. at Wallingford 28 June 1757; d. at Hancock, Berkshire Co. 11 Jan. 1845;[26] m., probably at Becket, Berkshire Co., ca. 1790, **Rhoda (Birchard) Drake**, dau. of Matthew and Mary (Messenger) Birchard.[27] She had previously married 20 Dec. 1778, Ebenezer Drake, son of Samuel and Martha (Pratt) Drake, by whom she had several children. After Ebenezer abandoned the family in 1783, Rhoda petitioned for a divorce on 6 March 1787.[28]

Society [FHL microfilm 1,765,340], filed alphabetically. Abijah's widow Lucy was administratrix.

[20] *Vital Records of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1907), 92.

[21] *Vital Records of Richmond*, 92.

[22] Barbour Collection, citing East Haddam Land Records, 3: 508 (birth), LR2: 1123 (parents' marriage).

[23] *Vital Records of Richmond*, 91.

[24] 1790 U.S. Census, West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 699; 1800 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, roll 13, p. 248.

[25] Berkshire County Probate [FHL microfilm 0,873,486], 11: 53, 227; 12: 77–84, naming his widow, Eunice, and children Ashbel Jr. and Erastus Rowley [husband of his daughter Eunice], and guardians were provided for daughters Vict__ and Polly and sons Thomas, Asa, and Benjamin. His home farm was at West Stockbridge, "lying partly in Stockbridge and partly in Richmond."

[26] "Shaker Death Records," *Register* 115 (1961): 126, "Jan. 11 Pitman Cook [age] 88" (no year written, but in a chronological list between 1843 and 1847. The date of his funeral is found in David R. Lamson, *Two Years' Experience Among the Shakers*, (West Boyleston, Mass.: the author, 1848), 159–60, online at Google books: "January 2d Sabbath, 1845, was present at the funeral of Pitman Cook, an aged brother of the 2d family. He was 87 years old, had been personally acquainted with Mother Ann."

[27] Jerilyn Jacklin Beniger, Nettie Wright Adams, Arlene Raidel Patterson, *The Messenger Family in Portage and Geauga Counties, Ohio* (Lansing, Mich.: 1966), 14, 29–30. She is listed as the oldest child. The family moved to Shoreham, Vermont, about 1800.

[28] Connecticut Superior Court, divorce papers, 1755–1803 (FHL 1,637,918), #91; Beniger, *The Messenger Family*, 29.

Pitman C. Cook, who lived next to his brother Walter, sold Richmond land on 22 May 1784.[29] On 21 November 1795 "Pitman Cook and Rhoda Cook of Richmont, county of Berkshire," along with Rhoda's siblings, sold their land at Becket to their brother Levi Birchard. Rhoda acknowledged the deed on 20 Feb. 1804, but Pitman did not.[30] On 24 March 1812, "Rhoda Cook, wid." of Shoreham, Vermont, quitclaimed on land at Becket with her siblings, this time to Nathan Birchard of Becket.[31] After Pitman's death, Pitman Jr., aged 57, applied for a Revolutionary War pension on behalf of his father's estate. He claimed his father had left the family and had joined the Shakers, who urged him not to apply for a pension. In a deposition by his Aunt Betsey Cook, she stated the family separated when Pitman Sr. joined the Shakers at Hancock.[32]

v. **Walter Cook**, b. at Goshen 10 Sept. 1764; d. at Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., 25 Jan. 1846, aged 81 years 4 months 15 days;[33] m. at Becket 5 March 1793,[34] **Elizabeth "Betsey" Birchard**, b., probably at Becket, June 1772, dau. of James and Abigail (King) Birchard.[35] She d. at Richmond 28 April 1856, aged 82.[36] In 1846 Walter was elected to the State House of Representatives; he died at Boston while the legislature was in session.[37]

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[29] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 19: 182, recorded 18 Aug. 1785.

[30] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 42: 221, recorded 6 May 1805.

[31] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 50: 163, recorded 3 April 1812.

[32] Revolutionary War Pension file, Pitman C. Cook, S29731, deposition by Betsey Cook [wife of Walter Jr.], dated 2 April 1850: "He and his family a number of years ago separated, he went and joined the Shakers in the town of Hancock in this county. He lived with said Shakers for a number of years, and until he died. His death took place with the said Shakers on the eleventh day of January in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, leaving no Widow surviving. His wife died prior to his death. Said Pitman C. Cook has now surviving only one child whose name is Pitman Cook."

[33] *Vital Records of Richmond*, 92, of lung fever.

[34] *Vital Records of Richmond*, 60, her name spelled "Buchard"; *Vital Records of Becket, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1903), 52, Walter "of Richmont."

[35] Edna Manning Laughter, "A Genealogical Record of the Birchard-Burchard Family, McMillan Family, Rear Family," typescript (Salem, Ore.: Edna Rear Manning, 1962), 24; her birthplace from her death record.

[36] Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Richmond, 1844–1900 [FHL 1,901,872, item 2], 5.

[37] *History of Berkshire County, Massachusetts: with Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men*, 2 vols. (New York: J. B. Beers & Co., 1885), 1: 311.

vi. **John Cook**, b. at Goshen 2 Oct. 1767; d. at Richmond, probably at the home of his brother Isaac, 26 June 1831.[38] On 5 Dec. 1796 David Chapin and Isaac Cook petitioned the court to have John declared "a non-compos person, incapable to take care of himself," and his brother Isaac was appointed guardian by the court.[39]

vii. **Asenath Cook**, b. at Goshen 12 Oct. 1769; d. at Egremont, Berkshire Co., 7 May 1858;[40] m., intentions at Richmond, 10 July 1790, **Chester Goodale** of West Stockbridge,[41] b. at Pomfret, Windham Co., Conn., 3 Sept. 1762, son of Ebenezer Goodale Jr. and Phebe (Holt) Goodale.[42] She d. at Egremont 29 Jan. 1835.[43] They lived at Richmond as late as 28 March 1810, when their fourth child was baptized,[44] but made their permanent home at Egremont by 1816.[45]

viii. **Susanna Cook**, b. at Goshen 26 Feb. 1770; apparently d. before her father, as on 26 July 1780 only John, Asenah, and Isaac, the three youngest children, were assigned by the court to their mother as guardian.[46]

ix. **Isaac Cook**, b., probably at Richmond, ca. 1773; d. at Richmond 26 June 1835, aged 62;[47] m. there ca. 1808, **Priscilla Cook**, b. at Nassau, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., ca. 22 Dec. 1785, dau. of Levi and Asuba (___) Cook. She d. at Richmond 21 Dec. 1866, aged 80 years 11 months 29 days.[48] They lived at Richmond where the

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[38] *Vital Records of Richmond,* 92.

[39] Berkshire County Probate, 10: 2, 26–27; 16: 315.

[40] Arthur D. Fiske, "Cemetery Inscriptions from North and South Egremont, Race Graveyard, Tuller Graveyard, South Egremont, Town Hill, South Egremont and Mt. Everett cemeteries, Berkshire County, Massachusetts," typescript (Seattle, Wash.: Fiske Genealogical Foundation, ca. 1966), 16.

[41] "Vital Statistics, Richmond, Massachusetts, 1769–1812," typescript at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass. [FHL microfilm 0,234,573], 5.

[42] Barbour Collection, citing Pomfret Vital Records, 1: 51 (birth), 105 (parents' marriage).

[43] Fiske, "Cemetery Inscriptions from North and South Egremont," 16.

[44] *Vital Records of Richmond,* 25.

[45] Congregational Church records, Egremont, Massachusetts, 1770–1876, typescript in the Rollin H. Cooke Collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass. [FHL microfilm 0,234,566, item 3], 139 (baptism of son Samuel in Nov. 1816), 173 (3 Aug. 1817, "Asenah" admitted from the church in Richmond).

[46] Berkshire County Probate, 2: 184.

[47] *Vital Records of Richmond,* 92; Berkshire County Probate, 40: 77.

[48] Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Richmond, 1844–1900, 15, died of apoplexy, her birth date calculated from her age at death.

family appeared on the census from 1800 to 1830.[49] On 7 July 1835 Priscilla Cook testified that her husband had left children at law.[50]

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[49] Isaac Cook consistently lived near his presumed brother-in-law David Chapin and David's son Nathan. In 1810 they were all enumerated at Pittsfield, so apparently those Richmond houses were listed by the Pittsfield census taker (1810 Census, Pittsfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 122). Although the names are recorded alphabetically in 1800 and 1810, the 1820 and 1830 censuses show the proximity of these related families (1800 U.S. Census, Richmond, roll 13, p. 208; 1820 Richmond, roll 48, p. 164; 1830 U.S. Census, Richmond, roll 62, p. 448 [indexed as Hancock at *Ancestry.com*]).

[50] Berkshire County Probate, 40: 77–78, inventory recorded July 16, 1835 at 146–49. The following children were named: "Ashbel Cook, now resident in the territory of Michigan; Isaac, resident in said Richmond, of law full age." Mary and Amanda were minors above 14; Laura and Lucy were minors under 14, all of Richmond. Priscilla asked that Isaac and Ruhamah be appointed administrators.

Cranson, Elisha
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Ashfield, Hampshire County[1]

By Jean M. White

Capt. Elisha Cranson was born about 1721,[2] perhaps at Hadley, Hampshire County, and grew up at Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brown) Cranson.[3] He died at Ashfield, Hampshire County (now Franklin County), on 18 April 1804, aged 84[4] or in his 84th year, and was buried in the Spruce Corner Cemetery at Ashfield.[5]

Elisha married, first, at Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 24 July 1746, **Abigail Baldwin**.[6] She was born at Hingham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 29 November 1727, daughter of David and Abigail (Burr) Baldwin.[7] She died at Ashfield on 6 July 1792 in her 63rd year [*sic*] and was buried in the Spruce Corner Cemetery.[8]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

2 Age at death (see below). He was listed as aged 37 on a return dated 11 April 1759 (Winifred Lovering Holman, "Cranson Notes," *The American Genealogist* 23 [1946]: 75–81 at 75 and 77). Many details in this sketch are in the Holman article but are more precisely documented here by other sources.

3 Holman, "Cranson Notes," 75; Samuel Cranson married Elizabeth Brown, 30 Oct. 1718, recorded at Hadley, Mass. (Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM [Boston: NEHGS, 2003], from Hadley Vital Records, ref. no. 129).

4 *Salem [Mass.] Register*, 3 May 1804, 3, "At Ashfield, Capt. Elisha Cranson, aged 84."

5 *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1942), 235; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

6 *Vital Records of Leicester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 139.

7 Hingham, Mass., "Register Book of the Births, Deaths and Marriages" [microfilm F74.H6 H65 at NEHGS, item 1], 239 (birth), 203 (parents' marriage); Charles Candee Baldwin, *The Baldwin Genealogy* (Cleveland, Ohio: the author, 1881), 492.

8 *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 235; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

Elisha married, second, at Ashfield on 20 January 1793, **Hannah (Burnell) Stearns** of Goshen, Hampshire County.[9] She was born, perhaps at Goshen, in March 1732, the daughter of John and Mehitabel (Edmonds) Burnell.[10] She died at Goshen in December 1827 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Beals.[11] Hannah had previously been married at Dudley, Worcester County, on 7 September 1756 to David Stearns, who died at Goshen on 28 February 1788.[12]

Winifred Lovering Holman's article on the Cranson family provides extensive detail on Elisha's life, most of which is not repeated here. But a few details may be added. Elisha was taxed at Leicester from at least 1741 to 1743.[13] Part of that town was set off as the new town of Spencer in 1753. His last deed there, abstracted by Holman, was when Ebenezer Cranson of Spencer, blacksmith, and his wife Abigail sold land on 18 December 1771 to Timothy Green.[14]

Elisha served as a private during the French and Indian War in 1759 and 1760.[15] By 25 March 1773 he was in Hampshire County, when he sued Abel Morrison for payment on a note.[16] He was commissioned captain of the 11th Company, Col. David Field's (5th Hampshire County) Regiment of the Massachusetts Milita on 3 May 1776. He resigned as of 25 April 1780.[17]

On 9 June 1781 he bought five acres on the Swift River at Goshen, just south of the Ashfield town line, and at the same time he bought a two-thirds interest in a sawmill and "the remains of a grist mill" on the same land.[18] He sold the north half of lot #62 in the second division

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[9] Hiram Barrus, *History of Goshen, Hampshire County, Massachusetts* (Boston: the author, 1881), 168; intentions at Ashfield in 1792 (*Vital Records of Ashfield*, 148).

[10] Barrus, *History of Goshen*, 167–68; *Vital Records of Lynn, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1906), 2: 128 (parents' marriage).

[11] Barrus, *History of Goshen*, 168; Avis Stearns Van Wagenen, *Genealogy of Memoirs of Charles and Nathaniel Stearns*, 2 vols. (Syracuse, N.Y.: Courier Printing Co., 1901), 2: 67.

[12] *Vital Records of Dudley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908), 147; Barrus, *History of Goshen*, 168; Van Wagenen, *Stearns*, 2: 67.

[13] Leicester Massachusetts Town and Vital Records [FHL 0,858,548].

[14] Worcester County Deeds, 66: 203.

[15] Holman, "Cranson Notes," 77–78.

[16] Hampshire County Court of Common Pleas, 12: 36 [FHL 0,886,426].

[17] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 4: 89.

[18] Hampshire County Deeds, 18: 181–83.

at Ashfield to Jonathan Cranson on 25 July 1792.[19] He sold the south half of the same lot and the north part of lot #59 to David and Abner Cranson; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Guilford; and Sarah, wife of Lemuel Phillips, on 18 April 1801.[20] On 14 May 1804, the same four children, all of Ashfield, partitioned the land, David to have the "northwest" part of lot #59. Lot #62 was divided among the other three.[21]

Children of Capt. Elisha and Abigail (Baldwin) Cranson:

i. **Samuel Cranson**, b. at Leicester 20 Feb. 1748;[22] d. at Ashfield before 4 March 1788;[23] m. there 8 Aug. 1774, **Mary Phillips** of Ashfield,[24] possibly dau. of Thomas and Catherine (Liscomb) Phillips.[25] She d. at Phelps, Ontario Co., N.Y.[26] She m. (2) at Ashfield 13 Oct. 1788, John Shattuck,[27] b., perhaps at Petersham, Worcester Co., ca. 1755, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Jackson) Shattuck. He d. at Phelps ca. 1821.[28] They probably were at Conway in 1790, 5 – 1 – 4 – 0 – 0.[29] In 1810 "Jn° Shaddock" was enumerated at Phelps

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[19] Franklin County Deeds, 19: 323.

[20] Franklin County Deeds, 19: 390.

[21] Franklin County Deeds, 20: 351.

[22] *Vital Records of Spencer, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 34.

[23] Widow Mary was granted administration on Samuel's estate on 4 March 1788 (Hampshire County Probate, 15: 390).

[24] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 149; Congregational Church of Ashfield, Massachusetts, 1786–1897 [FHL 902,902], 106.

[25] Holman, "Cranson Notes," 79. However, while E. R. Ellis, *Biographical Sketch of Richard Ellis* (Detroit, Mich.: W. Graham, 1888), 378, names children of Thomas, there is no Mary listed and there were other Phillipses at Ashfield. Thomas Phillips of Easton, Mass., filed intentions to marry Catharine Liscom at Stoughton, Mass., on 20 Dec. 1735, and they were married on 22 Jan. 1735/6 (David Allen Lambert, *Vital Records of Stoughton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1850* [Braintree, Mass.: Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2008], 27, 34). When Thomas Phillips of Ashfield died, his son Philip was named administrator of his estate on 16 Jan. 1792, but the estate was insolvent and no heirs are named (Hampshire County Probate, 17: 155; 18: 73.

[26] James H. Smith, *History of Chenango and Madison Counties, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1880), 314.

[27] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 200, calls her "Polly Cranson," the marriage at Conway; *Vital Records of Conway, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1943), 183, called "widow, of Ashfield."

[28] Anna M. Pickford, "The Jackson Family of Rowley, Framingham, and Rutland, Mass.," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 62 [1908]: 374.

[29] 1790 U.S. Census, Conway, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 136.

with a female over 45.[30] On 17 May 1818 a Mary Shattuck was admitted to the Presbyterian Church at Oaks Corners at Phelps.[31]

ii. **David Cranson**, b. at Leicester 30 June 1750;[32] d. 15 Nov. 1825, aged 75,[33] bur. at Cranson Cemetery on Perryville Rd. at Lincoln, Madison Co., N.Y.;[34] m. (1) at Spencer 20 Dec. 1770, **Bathsheba Briggs**;[35] m. (2) **Sibble Baldwin**, b. 7 or 17 March 1759[36] or ca. April 1764, dau. of David and Sibilah (White) Baldwin.[37] She d., probably at Fenner, Madison Co., 7 Jan. 1857, aged 92 years 9 months; bur. in Cranson Cemetery.[38] "Sibble" married (2) Lenox 10 April 1826,[39] Samuel Nichols, b. at Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., 9 Jan. 1758[40] and d. at Fenner 18 Dec. 1849.[41] In 1790 David Cranson was at Ashfield with 1– 1 – 2 – 0 – 0.[42]

iii. **Elisha Cranson**, b. at Leicester 19 Feb. 1752;[43] d. at Ashfield 25 or 27 May 1813, aged 61 years 3 months 7 days, bur. in Ashfield Plain

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[30] 1810 U.S. Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., N.Y., roll 33, p. 810.

[31] Charlotte Grabowski, "Sessional Records of the Church at Oaks Corners that appeared in *The Phelps Citizen*, May 1889," online at *http://ontario.nygenweb.net/oakscornerspresbyterianchurch.htm*.

[32] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 33.

[33] William H. Tuttle, *Names and Sketches of the Pioneer Settlers of Madison County, New York* (Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1984), 67.

[34] Madison County Historical Society Cemetery Collection, Lenox Cemeteries [FHL 1,298,686, item 3]; photography in possession of the author. *Findagrave.com* erroneously says 7 March 1843. The town of Lincoln was formed from Lenox in 1896.

[35] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 148. Possibly they were divorced, as a Bathshaba Cranson was enumerated in 1800 at Berkley, Bristol Co., Mass., roll 19, p. 520. That could be the "widow" Bathsheba Briggs who died at Berkley 23 April 1842, aged 94 years 4 months 20 days (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 2: 58, thus born ca. 3 Dec. 1747, but if so, she was recorded with her maiden name).

[36] "Cemeteries of Madison County," online at *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nymadiso/madcems.htm*, says 7 March, as Sybil Nichols Cranson.

[37] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 216 (parents' marriage); Smith, *History of Chenango and Madison Counties*, 698. See also Baldwin, *Baldwin*, 513.

[38] "Cemeteries of Madison County"; *findagrave.com*. On 31 March 1855, when Sibbel deposed regarding her husband's pension, she was a resident of Fenner, aged 91 (Revolutionary War Pension file, Samuel Nichols, W5419).

[39] Revolutionary War Pension file, Samuel Nichols, W5419, her name spelled "Sibbel." Sibbel herself gave the date and the place from the depositions of Moses and Ruth Baldwin of Lenox on 20 August 1853.

[40] Revolutionary War Pension file, Samuel Nichols, W5419, where a letter from Melvin A. Rice, dated 22 Jan. 1897 gives the date and place.

[41] Revolutionary War Pension file, Samuel Nichols, W5419.

[42] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[43] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 34.

Cemetery;[44] m. at Ashfield 31 Oct. 1776, **Sarah Phillips**,[45] b. ca. 1752, dau. of Thomas and Catherine (Liscomb) Phillips.[46] She d. 25 Dec. 1822, aged 70, bur. in Ashfield Plain Cemetery.[47] Sarah m. (2) at Ashfield 8 Sept. 1813, Zachariah Howes.[48] In 1790 at Ashfield, Elisha Cranson Jr. had 1 – 5 – 3 – 0 – 0.[49]

iv. **Frederick Cranson**, b. at Spencer 20 Feb. 1754;[50] probably died early.

v. **Ebenezer Cranson,** b. at Spencer 19 Feb. 1756;[51] d. 3 Sept. 1778 while serving in Capt. Ward's Co., Col. James Wesson's 9th Mass. Regiment.[52]

vi. **Elizabeth Cranson**, b. at Spencer 19 Feb. 1758;[53] d. at Ashfield 24 March 1840, aged 82, bur. in Hill Cemetery, Ashfield;[54] m. at Ashfield 9 Nov. 1780, **Samuel Guilford**,[55] b., probably at Spencer, ca. 1757, son of John and Susanna (Whitney) Guilford.[56] He d. 26 July 1832, aged 76, and was bur. in Hill Cemetery.[57] In 1790 at Ashfield, Samuel Guilford had 1 – 2 – 4 – 0 – 0.[58]

vii. **Asa Cranson**, b. at Spencer 16 March 1760;[59] d. at Lenox, Madison Co.[60] 5 Jan. 1841,[61] aged 80; bur. in the Cranson Cemetery at Lincoln, Madison Co.[62] m. at Ashfield 4 July 1781, **Zillah Fuller**

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[44] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 235, which says church records say 25 May but his gravestone says 27 May.

[45] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 148; Ashfield Church Records.1786–1897, 107.

[46] Ellis, *Biographical Sketch of Richard Ellis*, 378.

[47] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 235, 247.

[48] Holman, "Cranson Notes," 80; *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 171.

[49] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[50] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 34.

[51] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 33.

[52] Revolutionary War Service Records, online at *Fold3.com*. See also *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 4: 89–90, spelled "Cranston" on p. 90.

[53] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 34.

[54] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 242, as "Betsey, wid."

[55] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 163.

[56] Helen Morrill Guilford, *Guilford Genealogy* (Minneapolis, Minn.: the author, 1918), 51–52, 57.

[57] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 242.

[58] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[59] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 33, which erroneously gives the year as 1670.

[60] 1840 U.S. Census, Lenox, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 295, p. 28, Asa and a female age 70–80, Asa a Revolutionary War pensioner, aged 79.

[61] Revolutionary War Pension, Asa Cranson, W18971, Asa a resident of Lenox.

[62] Ingalls, "Cemeteries of Madison County."

of Ashfield,[63] b., probably at Stafford, Tolland Co., Conn., 12 Feb. 1763,[64] dau. of Samuel and Zillah (Merrill) Fuller.[65] She d. 25 Jan. 1847, aged 83.[66] In 1790 at Ashfield, Asa had 1 – 2 – 2 – 0 – 0.[67]

viii. **Abner Cranson**, b. at Spencer 14 Feb. 1763;[68] d. after 7 May 1808[69] and probably after 1820;[70] m. at Ashfield 28 May 1789, **Abigail (King) Rogers**,[71] widow of Gershom Rogers. See the sketch for Benjamin Rogers. In 1790 at Ashfield, Abner's count was 1 – 1 – 2 – 0 – 0.[72]

ix. **Jonathan Cranson**, b. in Massachusetts ca. 1765; d., probably in Ingham Co., Mich., after 1850;[73] m. (1) at Ashfield 27 July 1786, **Martha Vincent**,[74] b. perhaps at Yarmouth, Barnstable Co., Mass., 21 Nov. 1762, dau. of Isaac and Martha (Smith) Vincent.[75] She d. at Ashfield 30 Nov. 1799 in her 38th year and was bur. in Spruce

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[63] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 148.

[64] Revolutionary War Pension, Asa Cranson, W18971, in Zillah's own declaration, 4 Aug. 1843, signed by herself, a resident of Lenox. Samuel Fuller was a Stafford resident when he married.

[65] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, from Stafford Vital Records, 2: 126, marriage 15 Jan. 1756, says Zillah, of Killingly, was surnamed Merrick; Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), Part 2, 54, Congregational Church of Thompson (then part of Killingly), says her name was Merrell. Zillah Merrill, dau. of Nathaniel and Mary, was b. at Killingly 1 July 1739 (Barbour Collection, from Killingly Vital Records, 1: 22), so "Merrell" or "Merrill" is probably correct.

[66] Ingalls, "Cemeteries of Madison County"; photograph in possession of the author.

[67] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[68] *Vital Records of Spencer*, 33.

[69] On 7 May 1808 Abner and Abigail Cranson of Ashfield sold their right of dower in the estate of Gershom Rogers and all "our demands on said estate for supporting Sibbel, daughter of said Gershom" (Franklin County Deeds, 26: 1).

[70] In 1820 Abner Cranson *Jr.* was enumerated at Lenox, N.Y. (1820 U.S. Census, Lenox, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 73, p. 19).

[71] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 148; Ashfield Church Records 1786–1897, 111.

[72] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[73] In 1850 at Onondaga, Mich., Jonathan was aged 85 (1850 U.S. Census, Onondaga, Ingham Co., Mich., roll 351, p. 116).

[74] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 148; Ashfield Church Records, 1786–1897, 110.

[75] Robert M. Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman, *Vital Records of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Warwick, R.I.: Society of Mayflower Descendants in Rhode Island and Providence Plantation, 1975), 1: 82 (birth), 1: 150 (parents' marriage). The will of Isaac Vincent, dated 2 August 1783, names wife Martha and daughter Martha Vincent.

Corner Cemetery.[76] Jonathan m. (2) at Ashfield 4 Feb. or March 1800, **Sarah Stearns** of Ashfield,[77] perhaps a widow or close relative of Jonathan's stepmother. In 1790 Jonathan was at Ashfield with 1 – 1 – 3 – 0 – 0.[78] In 1807 a Jonathan Cranson served as a juror at Smithfield and in 1810 at Lenox, both in Madison Co., N.Y.[79] On 1 May 1820 Jonathan Cranson purchased land at Lockport, Niagara Co., N.Y.,[80] and was enumerated there in 1830, aged 60–70, with a female 50–60, near Oris Cranson,[81] in whose household he was living in 1850.

x. **Sarah Cranson**, b. at Ashfield 6 April 1769; d. 18 June 1826, aged 57, bur. at Spruce Corner Cemetery, Ashfield;[82] m. at Ashfield 4 Jan. 1787, **Lemuel Phillips** of Ashfield,[83] b. there 26 Nov. 1762, son of Philip and Mercy (Phillips) Phillips and grandson of the abovementioned Thomas Phillips.[84] He d. 28 April 1843 and was bur. in Spruce Corner Cemetery.[85] In 1790 at Ashfield, Lemuel had 1 – 2 – 1 – 0 – 0.[86]

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[76] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 235; photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[77] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 149.

[78] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[79] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 68.

[80] Karen E. Livsey, *Western New York Land Transactions, 1804–1824* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991), 238, lots 8, 10, and 12 in section 5, township 14, range 6.

[81] 1830 U.S. Census, Lockport, Niagara Co., N.Y., roll 95, p. 389.

[82] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 256; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[83] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 189.

[84] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 84 (birth); Albert Merritt Phillips, *Phillips Genealogies* (Auburn, Mass.: the author, 1885), 135–36; Ellis, *Richard Ellis*, 378.

[85] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 256; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[86] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

Cutler, Dudley
2 – 3 – 4 – 0 – 0
Greenwich, Hampshire County[1]

By Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG

Dudley Cutler was born at Epping, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, on 1 July 1752, son of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth (Fiske) Cutler.[2] He died at Greenwich on 17 June 1840 and was buried in the Greenwich Plains Cemetery.[3]

Dudley married in the Congregational Church of Christ at Greenwich 13 September 1787, **Lydia Hayward** or **Howard**.[4] She was born at Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, about 12 December 1765, daughter of Daniel[5] and Abigail (Davenport)

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 234.

[2] New Hampshire Town Record Series, Epping, 1:558, the date said to be Old Style (in New Style it would be 12 July 1752); Nahum S. Cutler, *A Cutler Memorial and Genealogical History* (Greenfield, Mass.: E. A. Hall & Co., 1889), 52, 89; *Lexington, Mass., Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths to January 1, 1898* (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1898), 108 (parents' marriage). See also Lucius R. Paige, *History of Hardwick, Massachusetts, with a Genealogical Register* (Boston: Houghton & Mifflin, 1883), 357.

[3] Church of Christ in Greenwich, Massachusetts, 1832–1854 (Family History Library film 1,871,030, item 2), 74, in 1840 "June 17 Departed this life Mr Dudley Cutler aged 87"; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 52, 89. Paige, *History of Hardwick*, 357, says he died in 1838. Massachusetts Cemetery Records, Quabbin Park, 1741–1984 (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1985), 4:47, lot 376, gives his age at death as 87 years 11 months 5 days, which yields a birth about 12 July 1752. See the comment in the previous note.

[4] Church of Christ in Greenwich, Mass., Records, 1760–1832 (Family History Library film 1,871,030, item 1), 83, says "Hayward"; Massachusetts State Society, NSDAR, "Greenwich, Massachusetts, Vital Records Prior to 1850," 35; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 89.

[5] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 222: 287. This is the death record of son Robert, which says his mother was born at Bridgewater. The date is from Lydia's age at death. In his will dated 29 April 1793, Daniel Howard of Greenwich named,

Hayward/Howard.[6] Lydia died at Greenwich 9 May 1845 and was buried with her husband.[7]

On 20 October 1793 Dudley Cutler and wife Lydia, "one of the daughters and heirs at law of Daniel Howard, late of Greenwich, yeoman," with Joseph Fobes of Greenwich and Olive his wife, another daughter, sold to Jairus Howard of Greenwich their right to land "which our father possessed" at Greenwich and Belchertown. Jairus and Alice Howard quitclaimed to Dudley and Lydia Cutler on 8 November 1793 on thirty-five acres at Greenwich and Belchertown, Hampshire County.[8]

Lydia was baptized as the wife of Dudley Cutler at the Church of Christ in Greenwich on 28 August 1795.[9]

On 15 June 1824 Dudley Cutler of Greenwich made his will naming wife Lydia and two sons, Daniel and Robert. He had already given son Dudley and his heirs their portion. The will was proved on 10 November 1840.[10]

Children of Dudley and Lydia (Howard) Cutler, all born and baptized at Greenwich:

i. **Dudley Cutler**, b. 25 March 1788,[11] bp. 23 Aug. 1795;[12] d. at Greenwich 15 April 1820, bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery;[13] m. at Greenwich Nov. 1806, **Melinda Gray**,[14] b. at Pelham,

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among others, wife Abigail and daughter Lydia Cutler (Hampshire County Probate, 18: 196). See the separate sketch for him.

[6] Daniel Hayward married Abigail Davenport at Bridgewater 14 Aug. 1761 (*Vital Records of Bridgewater*, 2 vols. [Boston: NEHGS, 1916], 105).

[7] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 174, 198, aged 79 years 4 months 27 days, related to Dudley Cutler; Church of Christ at Greenwich, Mass., 1832–1854, 80, which says only, "May 9. Mrs. ___ Cutler aged ___"; Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 47, lot #376, wife of Dudley Cutler, aged 79 years 4 months 27 days.

[8] Hampshire County Deeds, 13: 521–22.

[9] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 66, 96.

[10] Hampshire County Probate, 42: 638.

[11] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 14.

[12] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 96.

[13] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 144, aged 32; Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 47, lot #376, aged 32 years 21 days. Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 90, 161, says he died in Aug. 1820, aged 32; Dudley made his will on 4 April 1820, naming wife, Malinda, daughter Hannah, and sons Rensallaer A. and Thomas G. The will was proved on 4 July 1820 (Hampshire County Probate, 32: 799).

[14] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 119; Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 106 (intentions 12 Oct 1805), 107 (the marriage reported by Rev. Joseph Blodget with no date).

Hampshire Co., 22 Nov. 1788, dau. of Thomas and Lydia (Crozet) Gray.[15] She m. (2) at Petersham, Worcester Co., Mass., 23 Jan. 1825, John Stearns.[16]

ii. **Hannah Cutler**, b. 3 Aug. 1790,[17] bp. 23 Aug. 1795;[18] d. at Greenwich 10 March 1802; bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery.[19]

iii. **Daniel Cutler**, b. 26 April 1793,[20] bp. 23 Aug. 1795;[21] d. at Greenwich 31 Aug. 1860, bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery;[22] m. at Greenwich 30 Sept. 1817, **Olive Kelley**,[23] b., probably at Milford, Worcester Co., ca. 1794,[24] dau. of George and Kezia (Hoxie) Kelley.[25] Olive d. at Greenwich 15 Jan. 1836 and was bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery.[26] Daniel m. (2) at Hardwick,

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[15] *Vital Records of Pelham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1902), 40 (birth), 112 (parents' intentions of marriage).

[16] *Vital Records of Petersham, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1904), 146; Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, *Some Descendants of John Sibley of Salem, Massachusetts* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2006), 103. John Stearns' first wife, Lydia Stone, was the sister of Robert Cutler's wife Parna (ibid., 107).

[17] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 14.

[18] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 96.

[19] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 100, "died instantly 11 years." This record says only 1802. Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 46, lot #376, dau. of Dudly and Lydia, aged 11 years 9 months 7 days.

[20] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 42. This transcription says he was born in 1795, but 1793 seems more likely; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 90, 161, which says he was born 26 April 1793.

[21] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 96.

[22] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 139: 11, aged 67 years 4 months 7 days, of "Billious colic," born at Greenwich, son of Dudley and Lidia; Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 51, lot #173, aged 67 years.

[23] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 137; Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 105 (marriage), 116 (intentions 5 Sept. 1819).

[24] The date is from her age at death (see below) and the place from *Vital Records of Milford, Massachusetts* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 106, which has birth records for children of George and Kezia Kelley in 1785 (Rhoda), 1787, 1789, 1795, 1797 (Chloe), and 1800 (Sylva).

[25] George Kelley of Greenwich made his will 4 April 1817 naming wife Keziah; oldest daughter, Rhoda Bates; daughters Olive Kelley, Sylvia Mills, and Chloe Kelley; and son Smith Kelley (Hampshire County Probate, 32: 612). George Kelley married Kezia Hoxie at Sandwich, Barnstable Co., Mass., 6 Oct. 1784 (Caroline Lewis Kardell and Russell A. Lovell Jr., *Vital Records of Sandwich, Massachusetts, to 1885*, 3 vols. [Boston: NEHGS, 1996], 2: 1351).

[26] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Mass., 1832–1854, 44, "Jan 15 Departed this life Mrs Cutler Wife of Mr. Daniel Cutler Aet 42"; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 161, aged 42, no place given; Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 47, lot #386, wife of Daniel Cutler, aged 42 years.

Worcester Co., 31 Oct. 1839, **Mary "Polly" Hastings**,[27] b. at Hardwick 20 June 1792, dau. of John and Mehitabel (Berry) Hastings.[28] Polly d. at Gardner, Worcester Co., 18 Aug. 1874.[29]

iv. **Robert Cutler**, b. 9 Sept. 1796,[30] bp. in 1796;[31] d. at Petersham 6 Sept. 1869;[32] bur. in an old cemetery on East Street, near Maple Lane at Petersham; m. at Petersham 10 May 1825, **Parna Stone**, b. at Petersham ca. April 1798, dau. of Jesse and Martha (Sibley) Stone. Parna d. at Orange, Franklin Co., Mass., 8 Aug. 1873, aged 75 years 4 months, bur. with Robert.[33]

v. **John H. Cutler**, b. 5 April 1800;[34] d. at Greenwich 4 or 5 June 1800, bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery.[35]

vi. **Jeremiah Gray Cutler**, b. 16 May 1804,[36] bp. in July 1804;[37] d. at Greenwich 30 Oct. 1823; bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery.[38]

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[27] *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1917), 162; Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 99 (marriage), 128 (intentions 6 Oct. 1839), married by Joseph H. Patrick, pastor; Church of Christ at Greenwich, Mass., 1832–1854, 34, Daniel of Greenwich, Mary of Hardwick.

[28] *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 57 (birth, called "Polly"), 188 (parents' marriage).

[29] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 267: 336, widow, aged 83 years 1 month 21 days, cancer of the breast, born Hardwick, dau. of John and Mehitabel Hastings, their birthplaces unknown.

[30] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 42; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 90, 162, which says he was born 9 Sept. 1797.

[31] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 97.

[32] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 222:287, aged 72 years 11 months 27 days, of heart disease, a farmer, born Greenwich, son of Dudley and Lydia Cutler.

[33] Ullmann, *John Sibley*, 107.

[34] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 42.

[35] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 42. This says 5 June; Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 99, says "May [the month, not a name], a child of Dudley Cutler," but this is written in after entries in Sept. and Dec., so is probably written in retrospect. Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 46, lot #376. This record says 4 June, aged 2 months.

[36] Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 90, the date in the book, the place assumed.

[37] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 107b.

[38] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 151, aged 19 years. The day is from his gravestone; Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 47, lot #376, son of Mr. Dudley and Mrs. Lydia Cutler, aged 19 years 5 months 14 days.

Dorchester, Alexander
3 – 1 – 5 – 0 – 0
Richmond, Berkshire County[1]

By Carolyn Ober Bulgey

Alexander Dorchester was born at Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut, on 8 June 1760, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gould) Dorchester,[2] and was baptized there on 15 July 1760.[3] He died on 23 January 1823 and was buried in the Muskalonge Cemetery at Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York.[4]

Alexander married at Farmington on 29 May 1783, **Anna Cowles**.[5] She was born at Farmington on 18 July 1761, daughter of Ezekiel and Martha (Hooker) Cowles.[6] She died 17 September 1840, aged 79, and was buried with her husband.[7]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 503.

2 Janice P. Dorchester, *Anthony Dorchester and His Descendants* (Vineyard Haven, Mass.: the author, 1998), 16–17, which took much data from Earle and Patricia Swanson, *The Dorchester Family Chronicles* (Fort Wayne, Ind.: the authors, 1995). This work, online at *http://www.archive.org/details/dorchesterfamily00swan*, contains transcriptions of many records. Alexander's birth date is in the Family Record in his pension file (see below).

3 Julius Gay, "Church Records of Farmington, Conn.," *The New England Historic and Genealogical Register* 39 [1885]: 50.

4 Patricia Law Hatcher, *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary War Pensioners*, 4 vols. (Dallas, Texas: Pioneer Heritage Press, 1987), 1: 262; photograph of gravestone for Alexander and Anna online at *findagrave.com*; A. E. Rogers and Ellen and John Bartlett, "Town of Hounsfield Cemetery Inscriptions," online at *http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/barthoun.htm*, accessed 5 May 2011. This says he was born in January 1758. Two documents in his Revolutionary War pension file (see below) say he died in January 1823.

5 Gay, "Church Records of Farmington, Conn.," *Register* 39: 340; Family Record in Alexander's pension file (see below).

6 Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Farmington Land Records, 11: 580 (birth); Family Record in Alexander's pension file (see below); Calvin Cowles, *Genealogy of the Cowles families in America* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1929), 70–71; Edward Hooker, *The Descendants of Rev. Thomas Hooker, Hartford, Connecticut* (Rochester, N.Y.: Margaret Huntington Hooker, 1909), 51.

7 Rogers and Bartlett, "Hounsfield Cemetery Inscriptions."

Before his marriage, Alexander fought in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1777 in the 9th Connecticut Regiment in Capt. Buckley's Company under Col. Samuel Webb and was discharged "at Quarters near Morristown" on 20 March 1780.[8] While his pension does not describe his service, Col. Webb's brigade served at Peekskill, was at West Point during the winter of 1777–78, engaged in battle in Rhode Island 29 August 1778, and remained there until the fall of 1779, when they went to Morristown for the winter.[9]

Alexander and his family moved to Richmond, probably in 1786.[10] On 26 April 1786 Stephen Dorchester, his wife Elizabeth, and Alexander Dorchester of Farmington purchased thirty-seven acres eighty rods and buildings in lot #40 in the first division at Richmond.[11] Elizabeth died there on 13 January 1790.[12] They relocated to Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, probably in late 1792 or early 1793.[13] When Stephen and Alexander sold their Richmond land on 3 September 1792, they were called "Hatters."[14] On 10 October 1793, Stephen was received into the church at Westmoreland from the church in Richmond,[15] and he was buried there on 31 August 1794.[16]

In 1800 Alexander and his family were enumerated at Westmoreland, including a male 10–15, a female under 10, and one 10–15.[17] About 1809 they moved to Hounsfield.[18] Confirming these moves, Anna's brother Ezekiel deposed, saying that

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[8] Revolutionary War Pension file, Alexander Dorchester, W19,190. This file has very complete records on the family, including a "Family Record," which, according to grandson Henry C. Dorchester, hung in a frame. But it does not include a description of Alexander's service, except to say he was discharged near Morristown, New Jersey.

[9] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 24–25.

[10] Dorchester, *Anthony Dorchester*, 26.

[11] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 24: 185.

[12] *Vital Records of Richmond, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1913), 94.

[13] Dorchester, *Anthony Dorchester*, 25–26. See the deeds cited below.

[14] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 31: 189. Elizabeth had died, but Alexander's wife, Anna, acknowledged the deed.

[15] "Records of the First Congregational Church of Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York," transcript, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, Mss A 7313, 22.

[16] "Records of the First Congregational Church of Westmoreland," 13.

[17] 1800 U.S. Census, Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N.Y., roll 23, p. 154.

[18] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 26.

> in a few years after the Marriage of the s[d] Alexander & Anna they removed from this Town [Farmington] to Richmond Massachusetts where they resided several years from thence they removed to Westmoreland New York from thence . . . they removed to near Sacket's harbor.[19]

Alexander and his son Hooker both served in and near Sacket's Harbor during the War of 1812.[20]

On 13 April 1818 and again on 6 July 1820, as a resident of Hounsfield, Alexander signed declarations while applying for a pension. In 1820 his inventory included one cow, twelve sheep, and a few household goods. His wife, Anna, aged 59, was, like Alexander, unable to support herself. When Anna signed her own application for a pension on 24 August 1838, she was 77 years old, still living at Hounsfield.[21]

Anna made a will on 18 July 1835. She named her daughter-in-law Maria Dorchester and gave her granddaughter Delia Ann Dorchester all her personal property.[22] Most of Alexander and Anna's children died in early childhood; daughter Delia lived to age 24, and son Hooker died at 47. Thus Anna outlived all her nine children.

Children of Alexander and Anna Cowles Dorchester:[23]

i. **Guy Dorchester**, b. at Farmington 27 Jan 1784; d. there 29 April 1784[24] or 1 May 1784.[25]

ii. **Delia A. Dorchester,** b. 6 July 1785; d. 17 May 1810.

iii. **Hooker Dorchester**, b. at Richmond 8 May 1788; d. 6 April 1835, aged 47, bur. in Muskalonge Cemetery at Hounsfield,[26] having accidentally shot himself;[27] m. (1) in 1814, **Mercy Thompson**,[28]

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[19] Revolutionary War Pension file, Alexander Dorchester, W19,190.

[20] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 26.

[21] Revolutionary War Pension file, Alexander Dorchester, W19,190.

[22] Transcription in Swanson, *Dorchester Family Chronicles*, 36, the date of probate omitted.

[23] Their birth, death, and marriage dates are from the Family Record in the pension file, signed by Aaron Buell on 6 Sept. 1811; transcribed in Swanson, *Dorchester Family Chronicles*, 35.

[24] Gay, "Church Records of Farmington, Conn.," *Register* 40: 360.

[25] Family Record in Alexander's pension file.

[26] Rogers and Bartlett, "Town of Hounsfield Cemetery Inscriptions"; photograph of gravestone for Hooker and Mercy online at *findagrave.com*.

[27] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 30.

[28] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 62.

b. ca. 1791,[29] d. 1 March 1825, aged 34, bur. in Muskalonge Cemetery.[30] Hooker m. (2) **Maria Van Schaick**, b. at Albany, Albany Co., N.Y., ca. 1809, dau. of Michael and Caroline (Truax) Van Schaick,[31] Maria d. at Clayton, Jefferson Co., 23 June 1895, and was bur. in Market St. Cemetery, Cape Vincent, Jefferson Co.,[32] She married (2) Chauncey Smith.[33] Hooker fought in the War of 1812.[34] In 1822 he was appointed Adjutant in the 21st Regiment of Artillery in Jefferson Co.[35]

iv. **Harriot Dorchester**, b. at Richmond 7 March 1791; d. 7 or 17 Sept. 1794.[36]

v. **Nancy Dorchester**, b. at Richmond 21 Jan. 1793; d. at Westmoreland 31 Aug 1794.[37]

vi. **Harriot Dorchester**, b. at Westmoreland 6 Sept. 1795; d. 23 May 1796.

vii. **Clarissa C. Dorchester**, b. at Westmoreland 17 June 1797; d. 6 May 1801.

viii. Stillborn child, b. and d. at Westmoreland 14 April 1800.[38]

ix. **Alexander G. Dorchester**, b. at Westmoreland 25 Jan. 1803; d. 10 Aug 1808.

Carolyn Ober Bulgey of Saratoga Springs, New York, is a retired programmer and systems designer at ATT and a descendant of Anthony Dorchester, Richard Ober, and Richard Everett.

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[29] While Swanson, *Dorchester Family Chronicles*, 25, says Mercy's parents were unknown, Dorchester, *Anthony Dorchester*, 36, says she was the dau. of John and Hannah Thompson. Thus this may be the Mercy Thompson, born at Wells, Rutland Co., Vt., 11 Feb. 1791, dau. of John and Hannah (McDaniel) Thompson (Vermont State Vital Records).

[30] Rogers and Bartlett, "Town of Hounsfield Cemetery Inscriptions." Dorchester, *Anthony Dorchester*, 36, says 11 May 1825.

[31] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 30, 37.

[32] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 46, 60.

[33] Swanson, Dorchester Family Chronicles, 32.

[34] Watertown [N.Y.] Daily Times, 17 June 2010.

[35] Hugh Hastings, *Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York, 1783–1821*, 4 vols. (Albany, N.Y.: James B. Lyon, 1901), 3: 2420.

[36] "Records of the First Congregational Church of Westmoreland," 13, says 7 Sept.; Family Record in Alexander's pension file says 17 Sept. 1794.

[37] "Records of the First Congregational Church of Westmoreland," 13.

[38] "Records of the First Congregational Church of Westmoreland," 15.

Fobes, Joseph
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Greenwich, Hampshire County[1]

By Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG

Joseph Fobes was born at Easton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on 7 May 1759, son of Joseph and Hannah (Blanchard) Fobes.[2] He died at Greenwich between 28 August 1801, when he made his will, and 6 July 1802, when it was proved.[3]

Joseph married at Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 24 November 1780, **Olive Howard**.[4] She was a daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Davenport) Howard or Hayward.[5] Olive was probably the Mrs. Fobes annotated as "Olive" on a list of members of the Greenwich church beginning in 1830.[6]

On 25 September 1781 Joseph Fobes Jr. of Easton, sold his homestead in Easton to [his father] Joseph Fobes Sr. Olive also signed, and on 10 January 1782 they sold another lot and half of his buildings to Nathan Lathrop of Easton.[7]

On 28 February 1782 Joseph Fobes 2d of Easton, Bristol County, bought the eighty-acre farm of Gideon and Abigail Shaw at Greenwich.[8]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 233, as "Jos Forbes."

2 "Easton, Massachusetts, Vital Records," *The Mayflower Descendant* 52 [2003]: 55 (birth); 46 [1996]: 180 (parents' marriage).

3 Hampshire Co. Probate, 22: 93.

4 *Vital Records of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1916), 2: 134.

5 See the sketch for Daniel Howard.

6 Church of Christ in Greenwich, Mass., Records, 1760–1832 (Family History Library film 1,871,030, item 1), 2: 185.

7 Bristol County Deeds, 60: 530–31.

8 Hampshire Co. Deeds [at Hampden Co., Mass.], 19: 240.

On 28 August 1801 Joseph Fobes of Greenwich, yeoman, made his will naming wife Olive and giving her rights in two lots, a homestead of seventy–eighty acres, a lot of sixteen acres abutting Jairus Howard, and a pew in the South Parish meetinghouse. The will named sons Ira and Daniel and daughters Hannah, Nabby, Olive, Sally, and Therena [the name appears at least three times and definitely looks like Therena].[9]

Children of Joseph and Olive (Howard) Fobes:

i. **Ira Fobes**, b. at Easton 25 July 1781;[10] d. at Greenwich 20 May 1807 in the 26th year of his age.[11]

ii. **Daniel Hayward** or **Howard Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 1 or 21 April 1784.[12] He was at Springfield, Mass., in 1810, aged 16–26, with two males under 10, a female under 10, one 10–15, and one 26–45.[13] On 26 April 1810 he was an armourer when he purchased fifty-seven rods of land at Springfield "near the upper water shop" and sold it on 29 Aug. 1811 to [his future brother-in-law] Cyprian Fairman.[14]

iii. **Hannah Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 30 June 1786;[15] m., intentions at Greenwich 2 Feb. 1807, **Wyatt Barlow**,[16] b. at Hardwick, Worcester Co., Mass., ca. 1784, son of Wyatt and Susannah (Hammond) Barlow.[17] He d. at Ware, Hampshire Co., 17 Feb. 1872, aged 88,[18] and was bur. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Enfield, Hampshire

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[9] Hampshire Co. Probate, 22: 93.

[10] "Easton, Massachusetts, Vital Records," *The Mayflower Descendant* 52 [2003]: 65, son of Joseph Fobes Jr. and Olive.

[11] Massachusetts State Society, NSDAR, "Greenwich, Massachusetts, Vital Records Prior to 1850," 88.

[12] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 13, 46. Page 13 says "Daniel Hayward," born 1 April, and page 46 says "Daniel Howard," born 21 April. He was obviously named for his maternal grandfather, whose name appears as Hayward in Bridgewater records but as Howard in Greenwich.

[13] 1810 U.S. Census, Springfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 19, p. 463.

[14] Hampden County Deeds, 53: 238–39, both recorded 30 Aug. 1811.

[15] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 42, 46.

[16] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 107–8, reported on 22 April 1807 by Joshua Crosby, Pastor of the 2nd Church in Greenwich, as married in the year past.

[17] In his will dated 23 Jan. 1819, Wyatt Barlow of Hardwick, gentleman, named his wife Susannah and son Wyatt, among other children (Worcester County Probate, 66: 156); Lucius R. Paige, *History of Hardwick, Massachusetts, with a Genealogical Register* (Boston: Houghton & Mifflin, 1883), 331.

[18] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 248: 93, a farmer, born Hardwick, but his parents not named.

Co.[19] Hannah apparently died by 1811, as Wyatt was buried with his wife, Eunice White, b. at East Hartford, Hartford Co., Conn., in 1793,[20] d. at Belchertown, Hampshire Co., 25 ___ 1847.[21] She was the mother of their son Henry W. Barlow, b. at Enfield ca. 10 March 1812, d. there 27 Feb. 1901, and bur. with his parents.[22]

iv. **Abigail "Nabby" Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 2 Jan 1788 or 1789;[23] m., intentions at Greenwich 28 Feb. 1806, **Benjamin Butterfield**,[24] probably a son of Henry and Rachel (Thayer) Butterfield of Greenwich and of Sidney, Delaware Co., and Unadilla, Otsego Co., N.Y.[25] Two children died at Greenwich in March and Dec. 1808.[26] A Benjamin Butterfield was at New Lisbon, Otsego Co., N.Y., in 1820.[27]

v. **Olive Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 14 June 1791; d. there 27 March 1792.[28]

vi. **Olive Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 18 April 1793;[29] d. at Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass., 7 Aug. 1822;[30] m., intentions at Greenwich 20 July 1810, **Willard Sprout** of Springfield,[31] b. 1775–94,[32] son

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[19] Massachusetts Cemetery Records, Quabbin Park, 1741–1984 (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1985), 2: 87, lot #76. Enfield was formed from Greenwich and Belchertown in 1815 and now lies under the Quabbin Reservoir. Cemetery remains were moved to Quabbin Park in Ware, Mass.

[20] Quabbin Park, 2: 87, lot #76; her birthplace from the death record of her son Henry.

[21] This was the wife of Wyatt Barlow, aged 54, no given name or parents' names recorded (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 26: 179).

[22] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 517: 265, his parents Wyatt Barlow and Eunice White; Quabbin Park, 2: 87, lot #76.

[23] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 43, says 1788 and page 46 says 1789.

[24] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 107–8, reported on 22 April 1807 by Joshua Crosby, Pastor of the 2nd Church at Greenwich, as married in the year past.

[25] For information on this couple see Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, "Oliver[6] Harris of Hardwick, Greenwich, and Dana, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants," *MASSOG* 29 [2005]: 17–18.

[26] Church of Christ in Greenwich, Records, 1760–1832, 125.

[27] 1820 U.S. Census, New Lisbon, Otsego Co., N.Y., roll 74, p. 121.

[28] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 46.

[29] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 43, 46.

[30] Clifford L. Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts, to 1850*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2002), from the *Hampden Patriot*, 14 and 21 Aug. 1822, *The Hampden Federalist*, 14 Aug. 1822, and John S. Edwards' Book of Remembrance.

[31] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 110; intentions published at Springfield 4 Aug. 1810 (Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, from Springfield Vital Records, 3: 10).

[32] 1820 U.S. Census, Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 48, p. 340, which lists him

of James and Molly (Whittemore) Sprout of Hardwick.[33] Willard d. at Springfield 1 or 2 Jan. 1827.[34]

vii. **Sally Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 30 April 1795;[35] perhaps d. 29 Feb. 1824, aged 28, bur. at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.[36] As her brother Daniel was living at Springfield in 1810, she was almost certainly the Sally Fobes of Springfield who married there 31 Oct. 1811, **Cyprian Fairman**,[37] b. at Stafford, Tolland Co., Conn., 29 March 1790,[38] son of Simon and Eleanor (Washburn) Fairman.[39] Cyprian perhaps d. at Springfield 18 Dec. 1825.[40] On 29 Aug. 1811, Cyprian bought Sally's brother Daniel's fifty-seven rods of land with buildings in Springfield. After mortgaging it three times, he lost it in court to Moses Bliss of Suffield, merchant, the sale on 2 Jan. 1815.[41] The Fairmans apparently had a dau. Olive, a Fobes family name, who was born at Springfield 1 Jan. 1818 and was living at Schaghticoke when she married in March 1842 Ebenezer Battille. The Battilles later lived at Gilford, Tuscola Co., Mich.[42]

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between 26 and 45 years of age.

[33] Worcester County Probate, 207: 53, where Willard Sprout wrote from Springfield 30 April 1825, asking his "brother" John Barlow to administer on the estate of his father, James Sprout of Hardwick. James Sprout married at Paxton, Worcester Co., Mass., 11 July 1784, Molly Whittemore, who died at Hardwick 15 Feb. 1825 (Bradford Adams Whittemore and Edgar Whittemore, "The Whittemore Family in America," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 108 [1954]: 86). James died at Hardwick 5 April 1825 and his wife 15 Feb. 1825 (*Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1917], 325).

[34] Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, from the *Hampden Journal*, Wed., 3 Jan. 1827, which says "Monday last" and *Springfield Republican*, 10 Jan. 1827, which says 2 Jan.

[35] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 46.

[36] *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyrensse/cemf1.txt*.

[37] Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, intentions 25 Sept. 1811 from Springfield Vital Records, 3: 16, the marriage at 3: 298 and from First Church of Christ records, Book 2.

[38] *Ancestry.com*, *U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798–1914* [database online] (Provo, Utah: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007), original data: Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798–1914 (National Archives Microfilm Publication M233, 81 rolls); Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780s–1917, Record Group 94; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; Barbour Collection of Vital Records, from Stafford Vital Records, 2: 58.

[39] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection, Volume III, Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), parents' marriage from Stafford Church Records.

[40] Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield*, lists a "Mr. Fairman[?]" who d. on that date, from John S. Edwards' Book of Remembrance.

[41] Hampden County Deeds, 53: 238–39; 54: 235, 535; 55: 397; 56: 205.

[42] *History of Tuscola and Bay Counties, Mich.* (Chicago: H. R. Page & Co., 1883), 194.

viii. **Joseph Fobes**, b. at Greenwich 17 April 1797;[43] died before the date of his father's will in 1801.

ix. **Therena Fobes**, b. say 1800;[44] m. at Somers, Tolland Co., 9 Feb. 1817, **John S. Cabals**.[45]

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[43] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 46.

[44] Named in her father's will.

[45] Somers Congregational Church Records, 4: 170.

Frary, Moses

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Sunderland, Hampshire County[1]

By David Thaler

Moses Frary was born at Hatfield, Hampshire County, about 1720, son of Isaac and Lydia (Parsons) Frary.[2] He died at Sunderland on 1 March 1804.[3]

Moses married first, about 1743, **Abigail Fairfield**.[4] She was born at Northampton, Hampshire County, on 14 July 1724, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Cole or Cowles) Fairfield of Hatfield and Northampton.[5] Moses married secondly at Sunderland 12 February 1783, **Hannah (Fuller) Graves**,[6] widow of Reuben Graves,[7] who

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Sunderland, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 529.

2 James M. Crafts, *History of the Town of Whately, Mass.* (Orange, Mass.: D. L. Crandall, 1899), 466; Margaret Murphy Frary and Anne Frary Lepak, *The Frary Family in America, 1637–1980* (Northwood, N.H.: Frary Family Association, 1981), 74–75; Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts,* CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), Hatfield Vital Records, 1661–1780, 96 (marriage of Isaac Frary and Lydia Parsons 8 Dec. 1715).

3 Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), ref. no. 134 (all references cited here from Corbin, Vol. III, are from Sunderland Vital Records); John Montague Smith, *History of the Town of Sunderland, Massachusetts* (Greenfield, Mass.: E. A. Hall & Co., 1899), 341.

4 Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 341; Crafts, *History of Whately*, 466.

5 Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Northampton Vital Records, 1650–1952, ref. no. 109 (birth), Hatfield Vital Records, 1661–1780, 97 (parents' marriage, Abigail's name spelled "Cole"); Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 80, spells it "Cowles."

6 *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1942), 159, which says they married at Sunderland; Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III*, ref. no. 90.

7 John Card Graves, *Genealogy of the Graves Family in America* (Buffalo, N.Y: Baker, Jones & Co., 1896), 49; Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 355.

was born on 23 November 1724 and died at Sunderland on 11 March 1778.[8] Hannah was born on 4 June 1727 at Coventry, Tolland County, Connecticut, daughter of Shubael and Sarah (Scott) Fuller. She died at Sunderland on 6 June 1817.[9]

On 21 January 1750, Moses purchased a lot on Kings Hill at Hatfield, which he sold on 6 April 1764.[10] However, he acquired other land, some of which he sold on 24 March 1772.[11] He lived on Chestnut Plain Street in the portion of Hatfield that became Whately in 1771 and removed to Ashfield, Hampshire [now Franklin] County, about 1772 or 1773.[12] On 26 February 1778 he was of Ashfield when he sold half a right in common lands there belonging to house lot #41[13] and was living at Sunderland when he sold part of house lot #41 at Ashfield on 21 June 1787.[14]

Children of Moses and Abigail (Fairfield) Frary, born at Hatfield:[15]

i. **Submit Frary**, b. 21 Nov. 1744.

ii. **David Frary**, b. 12 Sept. 1747; d. 25 Jan. 1798,[16] bur. in Kent Hollow Cemetery at Rupert, Bennington Co., Vt.;[17] m. 20 Sept. 1771, **Submit Spear**,[18] b. at Suffield, Hartford Co., Conn., 17 April

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[8] Kenneth Vance Graves, *Thomas Graves Genealogy* (Wrentham, Mass.: Family History Publications, 1985), 57. Reuben married Hannah Fuller at Sunderland 18 Sept. 1748 (Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III*, ref. no. 77).

[9] Susan Whitney Dimock, *Births, Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths from the Records of the Town and Churches in Coventry, Connecticut* (New York: Baker & Taylor, 1897), 48 (birth), 141 (parents' marriage); Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 341; Anne Frary Lepak, *The Frary Family in America: A Continuation* (Northwood, N.H.: Frary Family Assoc., 1985), 563; Carol Clark Johnson, *Fullers, Sissons and Scotts: Our Yeoman Ancestors* (Mobile, Ala.: American International, 1976), 262, says only 1817.

[10] Hampshire County Deeds (at Hampden County), 7: 366, 372, both recorded 21 July 1766.

[11] Hampshire County Deeds (at Hampden County), 11: 453, recorded 27 March 1772.

[12] Crafts, *History of Whately*, 466; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 80; Sylvester Judd and Lucius M. Boltwood, *History of Hadley, Including the Early History of Hatfield, South Hadley, Amherst and Granby, Massachusetts* (Springfield, Mass.: H. R. Huntting & Company, 1905), Genealogies, 54.

[13] Hampshire County Deeds (at Hampden County), 16: 192, recorded 24 Nov. 1778.

[14] Franklin County Deeds, 10: 659, recorded 18 April 1798.

[15] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Hatfield Vital Records, 1661–1780, 33–38. Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 341–42, and Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 80–81, list all children with birth dates.

[16] Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 93.

[17] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*, the stone barely legible.

[18] Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 93.

1753, dau. of Moses and Submit (Hastings) Spear.[19] She d. 24 June 1822, aged 69, and was bur. in Kent Hollow Cemetery.[20] She m. (2) at Rupert 23 Feb. 1804, Asa Estee of Hebron, N.Y.[21]

iii. **Moses Frary**, b. 8 Feb. 1749/50;[22] d. at Peru, Berkshire Co., Mass., 18 Aug. 1820;[23] m. at Ashfield 27 April 1775, **Mary Spinning** of Ashfield,[24] b. at Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn., 12 Sept. 1756, dau. of Nathaniel and Thankful (Benton) Spinning.[25] She d. at Peru 26 April 1832.[26] Moses served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. Benjamin Phillips' Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Hampshire County Regiment, from 10 July to 12 August 1777.[27] In 1800 at Ashfield, Moses Frary had four children under 10, four 10–16, four 16–26, himself over 45, and a female 26–45.[28]

iv. **Jerusha Frary**, b. 13 Aug. 1752; d. at Florence, Oneida Co., N.Y., 20 Sept. 1833;[29] m. at Ashfield 22 June 1774, **John Spinning**,[30] b.

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[19] Charles Leon Speare, *The Speare Family from 1642: Genealogical Record of Certain Branches* (Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Publishing Co., 1938), 56; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 93; Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), part 2, 44 (parents' marriage); Barbour Collection, citing Suffield Vital Records, NB1: 133, (birth), and Lebanon Vital Records, 1: 285 (parents' marriage)

[20] Image from Vermont State Vital Records online at *FamilySearch.org*, titled Vermont, Vital Records, 1760–1954, as Submit Estee. A photograph online at *findagrave.com* is hard to read.

[21] Image from Vermont State Vital Records online at *FamilySearch.org*, titled Vermont, Vital Records, 1760–1954, where his surname is transcribed from the original town record as "Lusty." Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 93, spells his name "Estes."

[22] Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 94; Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 342; Boltwood, *History of Hadley*, 54, and Crafts, *History of Whately*, 466, all show another child named Moses Frary born 1764, suggesting the first one died young. However, a Moses born 1764 would be only aged 11 in 1775 and hence could not have married Mary Spinning in that year.

[23] *Vital Records of Peru, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1902), 103.

[24] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 159; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 94.

[25] Barbour Collection, citing Guilford Vital Records, 2: 97 (birth), 2: 66 (parents' marriage); Alvan Talcott, *Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut*, Jacquelyn L. Ricker, ed. (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), 1110.

[26] *Vital Records of Peru*, 103; Talcott, *Families of Early Guilford*, 1110; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 94.

[27] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 6: 22.

[28] 1800 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 15, p. 819.

[29] Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 80.

[30] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 205.

at Guilford 23 Aug. 1753, son of Nathaniel and Thankful (Benton) Spinning.[31] He d. at Florence 6 July 1816.[32]

v. **Julius C. Frary**, b. 27 July 1755; d. 13 Aug. 1832, bur. at Nassau, Rensselaer Co., N.Y.;[33] m. (1) at Sunderland 29 Dec. 1791, his stepsister **Submit Graves**,[34] b. at Sunderland 1 May 1763[35] and d. there 15 May 1799;[36] m. (2), by 1800,[37] **Matilda Witherell**,[38] b. ca. 1780 and d. after 29 Aug. 1822.[39] He served, often as a fifer, in various companies during the Revolution, from 1775 to 1780,[40] and he was a silversmith.[41]

vi. **Abigail Frary**, b. 3 July 1759; d. 26 May 1845,[42] aged 86, bur. in Blackmer Cemetery, Westmoreland, Oneida Co.;[43] m. at Ashfield 27 June 1780, **Uriah Goodwin Jr.** of Ashfield,[44] b. at West Hartford, Hartford Co. 13 Oct. 1759, son of Uriah and Mabel (Francis) Goodwin. He d. 16 June 1835,[45] aged 75, and was bur. with Abigail.[46]

vii. **Mercy Frary**, b. 7 July 1762; d., at Haldimand, United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, Ontario, Canada, 8 Dec. 1849;[47] m. (1) at Ashfield 9 Nov. 1780, **David Carr** of Ashfield,[48] bp. at

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[31] Barbour Collection, citing Guilford Vital Records, 2: 94.

[32] Talcott, *Families of Early Guilford*, 1110; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 80.

[33] Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 96.

[34] Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III*, ref. no. 93; Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 342; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 96.

[35] J. C. Graves, *Graves* (1896), 50.

[36] Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III*, ref. no. 134.

[37] Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III*, ref. no. 22, a child born 4 June 1801.

[38] Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 342.

[39] Julius, of Ghent, Columbia Co., N.Y., named his wife Matilda in his deposition on 29 Aug. 1822 (Revolutionary War Pension file, S4486); *Frary Family*, 96.

[40] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors*, 6: 22.

[41] Revolutionary War Pension file, S44866.

[42] James Junius Goodwin, *The Goodwins of Hartford, Connecticut* (Hartford, Conn.: Brown and Gross, 1891), 191, who also states she was born in South Hadley without giving a source.

[43] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[44] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 159, 161; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 81.

[45] Lepak, *Frary Continuation*, 563; Goodwin, *Goodwins of Hartford*, 190–91; Revolutionary War Pension file, Uriah Goodwin, W24288, in which he said he was born at Hartford in 1760. West Hartford was not incorporated from Hartford until 1854.

[46] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[47] Revolutionary War Pension file, David Carr, W23859.

[48] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 173; Frary and Lepak, *Frary Family*, 81.

Portland, Middlesex Co., Conn., 30 March 1755, son of John and probably Dorothy (Hale) Karr.[49] He d. in Niagara Co., N.Y., 18 Dec. 1812.[50] Mercy m. (2), as his second wife, in 1815, **Philip Corey**,[51] b. at Harvard, Worcester Co., Mass., 6 Nov. 1760, son of Samuel and Dinah (Fowler) Corey.[52] He d. at Hartland, Niagara Co., 9 Dec. 1833.[53]

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[49] Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman, *Hale, House and Related Families* (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Historical Society, 1952), 57–58.

[50] Revolutionary War Pension file, David Carr, W23859.

[51] Revolutionary War Pension file, David Carr, W23859; Revolutionary War Pension file, Philip Corey, S43405.

[52] Henry S. Nourse, *History of the Town of Harvard, Massachusetts, 1732-1893* (Clinton, Mass.: W. J. Coulter, 1894), 542; *Vital Records of Harvard, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1917), 26 (birth), 150 (parents' marriage).

[53] Revolutionary War Pension file, Philip Corey, S43405; Al Bertus Cory, "Thomas Cory of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Book Four," in *Corys of America, Second Edition, Volume II* (Jacksonville, Fla.: the author, 1994), 9–10, 19–20.

Fuller, Benjamin
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Sheffield, Berkshire County[1]

By John R. Gibson

Benjamin[7] Fuller was born about 1747,[2] probably at Colchester, New London County, Connecticut,[3] son of Matthew[4] and Bathsheba (Roberts) Fuller.[5] He died, probably in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on 21 December 1821[6] and was buried in the Harveyville Cemetery near Huntington Mills.[7]

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 595.

[2] On 16 January 1753, when his mother posted bond on his father's estate (see below), she was also appointed guardian to five children: Nathaniel, aged 13; Ezekiel, 9; Dimis, 7; Benjamin, 5; and Mehitabel 2, all "minor children to sd Matthew Fuller" (Litchfield, Conn., District Probate, 1: 51).

[3] His mother was baptized at Colchester in 1747 (see below).

[4] A deed dated at Salisbury, Conn., 19 Oct. 1795 to Ezekiel Fuller, says, "I Benjamin Fuller of Sheffield . . . have remised, released . . . all such right, estate . . . to a certain piece or parcel of land lying in Sheffield . . .that belonged to *my hon^d^ father Mathew Fuller, late of Salisbury deceased.*" [emphasis added] (Berkshire County Deeds, South District, 35: 285). This was probably land that Matthew Fuller of Salisbury had purchased on 19 May 1752 (Hampshire County Deeds, W: 293).

[5] Bathsheba Fuller and Nathaniel Robards [*sic*] were administrators of the estate of Matthew Fuller of Salisbury. On 16 January 1753, she signed the bond as "Barshaba fuller" (Litchfield District Probate, file 2204). "Fuller, Bathsheba, w. of Mathew" was baptized at Colchester on 30 Aug. 1747 on the same day as "Mercy Roberts daughter of Mark Roberts, adult" (Colchester 1st Congregational Church, 1: 22). Further information on Benjamin's parents will appear in a forthcoming article on the Matthew Fuller family by Frederick C. Hart, Jr. in the *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.*

[6] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Dockets (FHL 959,115), 2: 74, 226.

[7] Cemetery card file, Luzerne County Historical Society, Bishop Memorial Library, Wilkes-Barre, Penn., says Benjamin died 17 Jan. 1817, aged 65, but that date is clearly erroneous.

Benjamin married first, perhaps at Sheffield, about 1772, **Sylvina Westover**.[8] She was born at Sheffield on 30 January 1753, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Eno) Westover.[9] Sylvina died on 1 February 1817 and was buried in the Trescott Cemetery at Huntington Mills.[10]

Benjamin married, second, **Sarah "Sally" Potter**, daughter of Nicholas Potter.[11] After Benjamin's death, Sally married Nathan Dodson, son of James and Susanna (Beach) Dodson, early settlers at Huntington Mills.[12] In 1850 living with her son John Fuller, she was Sarah Dodson, aged 65, born in Vermont.[13]

Benjamin Fuller recorded his earmark at Sheffield in 1773.[14] He served in the Revolutionary War, marching to Bennington, Vermont, in August 1777 and then to Manchester, Vermont, in Capt. Enoch Noble's Company.[15] Benjamin was a member of the Susquehanna Company, a group of mostly Connecticut citizens who laid claim to lands in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania.[16] Sylvina Fuller's brother, Theophilus

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[8] Birth records of Benjamin's children refer to his wife as "Sylviny" (Sheffield Vital Records, 13: 32 [FHL 250,247]).

[9] Sheffield Vital Records, 1: 29 [FHL 250,247] (birth); Barbour Collection, citing Simsbury Vital Records, TM3: 251 (parents' marriage 1 Feb. 1727/8). On 27 Nov. 1793, Benjamin Fuller and his wife Sylvina deeded land in Sheffield "which was set off to our mother Mary Lawrance late widow of Nathaniel Westover late of said Sheffield deceased" (Berkshire County Deeds, South District, 32: 92 [FHL 879,132]). Mary (Eno) Westover had married, as her third husband, Daniel Lawrence of Sheffield (Homer W. Brainard, "Westover Genealogy," mss. at the Connecticut Historical Society [1898]). M.L.T. [Margaret Lewis Trescott] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley* (1886) [FHL 1,421,822 Item 6], 42, refers to "Benjamin Fuller and wife Sylvina Westover." William T. Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book* (Scranton, Penn.: International Text Book Press, 1924), 658, erroneously says that his wife Sylvina was the dau. of John and Eleanor Dodson.

[10] Cemetery card file, Luzerne County Historical Society. The Trescott Cemetery is very near the Harveyville Cemetery.

[11] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42, "After the death of his first wife, Benjamin Fuller married Sallie, a daughter of Nicolas Potter."

[12] Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, identifies Nathan as son of James and Susannah (Beach) Dodson. It does not mention any marriage to Sally (Potter) Fuller but does say that Nathan Dodson was named guardian of Benjamin Fuller's two youngest boys, Westover and John. Nathan was appointed in August 1828, when their mother, Sarah, was called "Sarah Dodson, late Sarah Fuller and widow of Benjamin Fuller" (Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Dockets, 2: 167).

[13] 1850 U.S. Census, Huntington, Luzerne Co., Penn., roll 793, p. 140.

[14] Sheffield Town Records, the page number illegible.

[15] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 6: 153, the roll certified at Sheffield.

[16] Donna B. Munger, *Connecticut's Pennsylvania "Colony," 1754–1810, Susquehanna*

Westover, was also a member of the Susquehanna Company and was one of the first settlers of the Wyoming Valley, listed in the town of Kingston in 1770.[17] After their title in Luzerne County was settled, Benjamin and Sylvina moved with their family to Huntington Township in that county, probably leaving shortly after 19 October 1795, when they sold land at Sheffield.[18] According to one history of Luzerne County, "The pioneer tanner and shoemaker was Benjamin Fuller. He located near Huntington Creek" and was on a 1796 tax list.[19] His home at Huntington Mills was used by Baptists for worship, and he is referred to as Baptist Deacon Fuller.[20]

In 1820 at Huntington, Sally was probably the female age 26–45. Benjamin was over 45, in "manufacturing," with two males under 10, two 10–16, and one 16–18.[21] One or two of the boys under 10 would be the sons Westover and John, born when Benjamin was in his late sixties or early seventies.

In August 1827 Benjamin's son-in-law, John Myers, petitioned the Luzerne County Orphans' Court, calling for Benjamin's administrators, Abiel Fellows and Sarah Fuller, to render their account.[22] The subsequent "inquisition" set off land to son Harry and determined that the rest of the estate could not be divided. Other heirs named were Huldah, wife of Jarius Harrison; Sarah, wife of Jonathan Westover; Charlotta, wife of John Myers; Lecta, wife of Solomon Bonham; children Westover and John; and widow Sarah.[23] Daniel may have received a portion before Benjamin's death. All of Benjamin's surviving children, including Daniel, were named in the estate administration except for his daughter, Tryphena Brandon.

Company Proprietors, Settlers and Claimants, 3 vols. (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2007). 2: 2–49.

[17] *Historical Record . . . The Early History of Wyoming Valley*, F. C. Johnson, M.D., ed. (Wilkes-Barre, Penn.: Wilkes-Barre Record), 1 (1887): 70.

[18] Berkshire County Deeds, South District, 35: 285; Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42. A later deed where Benjamin and Sylvina Fuller of Huntington sold land in Sheffield was dated 12 Oct. 1802 (Berkshire County Deeds, South District, 44: 267).

[19] Henry C. Bradsby, *History of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Selections*, 2 vols. (Chicago: S. B. Nelson & Co., 1893), 1: 587.

[20] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42

[21] 1820 U.S. Census, Huntington, Luzerne Co., Penn., roll 105, p. 312.

[22] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Dockets, 2: 141.

[23] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Dockets, 2: 144, also listed at 226.

Children of Benjamin and Sylvina (Westover) Fuller, all born at Sheffield:[24]

i. **Huldah[8] Fuller**, b. say 1772; d. at Sheffield as an infant.

ii. **Daniel Fuller**, b. 25 Jan. 1774; d. at Huntington Mills between making his will on 13 March 1840 and its probate on 17 Nov. 1841;[25] m. **Lucy Harrison**, b., perhaps at North Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., 7 June 1775, dau. of Stephen and Susanna (Franklin) Harrison,[26] named in her husband's will along with two sons and seven daughters.

iii. **Huldah Fuller**, b. 1 July 1777; d. 15 March 1858; bur. in Waterton Cemetery at Huntington Twp,[27] m. **Jarius Harrison**, b., probably at North Canaan, 3 April 1779, son of Stephen and Susanna (Franklin) Harrison.[28] He d., probably at Huntington Mills, 1 March 1853.[29] Jairus made a will on 10 Jan. 1853, proved 23 March 1853, naming his wife, Huldah, five sons, two daughters, and a granddaughter.[30]

iv. **Sarah Fuller**, b. 9 Oct. 1779; d. 7 May 1838, aged 58 years 6 months 28 days, bur. in Harveyville Cemetery;[31] m. **Jonathan Westover**,[32] b. at Sheffield 24 Jan. 1780, son of Nathaniel Westover.[33] He d. 15 Jan. 1847, aged 66 years 11 months 13 days,

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[24] Sheffield Vital Records, 13:32 [FHL 250,247]. Huldah is listed as the first child but with no dates. The entry says only, "Born and died."

[25] Luzerne County, Penn., Wills, Daniel Fuller, B: 93 (FHL 0,383,431).

[26] Frances H. Corbin, "Five Generations of Connecticut Harrisons," *Register* 70 [1916]: 84. The birthplace of Stephen and Susanna Harrison's children is not given in this article, but they married at North Canaan.

[27] Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, 669.

[28] Corbin, "Connecticut Harrisons," *Register* 70: 84.

[29] Ibid.; also Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658. Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 54, states that Jarius Harrison owned a store in Huntington as early as 1802: "His store was continued for many years until enfeebled health admonished him to close the business."

[30] Luzerne County Probate, Jairus Harrison, B: 517 (FHL 383,431).

[31] Cemetery card file, Luzerne County Historical Society, called wife of Jonathan; Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, has the date only.

[32] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42; Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658.

[33] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42, says, "Sarah [Fuller] married Jonathan Westover, a relative." Homer W. Brainard, "Westover Genealogy," manuscript at the Connecticut Historical Society (1898), 28, shows that this Jonathan Westover was a great-nephew of Benjamin's wife, descended from Nathaniel and Mary (Eno) Westover. Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, says he was born 2 Feb. 1780, apparently calculated from his age at death.

and was bur. in Harveyville Cemetery.[34] Jonathan's will, dated 27 March 1833, proved 8 Feb. 1847, names his wife, Sarah, son David, two daughters, and a grandson.[35]

v. **Henry "Harry" Fuller**,[36] b. 20 Feb. 1783; living in Nov. 1827, d. before Aug. 1830 leaving widow Elizabeth and seven children;[37] m. **Elizabeth Kingsbury**,[38] b. at Canaan, Litchfield Co., 3 Feb. 1787, dau. of Stephen and Susanna (Fellows) Kingsbury. She d. 1886.[39]

vi. **Tryphena Fuller**, b. 21 July 1786; d. 30 Aug. 1853, bur. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Huntington Mills,[40] m. **William Brandon**,[41] b. in Ireland[42] ca. 23 Oct. 1780. He d. 26 April 1854, aged 73 years 6 months 3 days, and was bur. with Tryphena. He was probably

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[34] Cemetery card file, Luzerne County Historical Society; Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658.

[35] Luzerne County Probate, Jonathan Westover, B: 269 (FHL 0,383,431).

[36] Blair, *Michael Shoemaker*, 658, calls him Henry; Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 37, calls him "Harry."

[37] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Docket, 2: 144 (real estate in Huntington set off to him), 226 (deceased), 501 (audit of estate of Henry Fuller 6 Nov. 1835).

[38] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 37, "Elizabeth the second daughter of S. Kingsbury married Harry Fuller second son of Benjamin Fuller."

[39] Kingsbury, F. J., *The Genealogy of the Descendants of Henry Kingsbury* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1905), 130. This genealogy states, probably incorrectly, that Elizabeth Kingsbury married a "John Fuller." This is very unlikely inasmuch as John, son of Benjamin Fuller, was more than twenty years younger than Elizabeth Kingsbury.

[40] Pine Grove Cemetery, Luzerne County, photograph by Patricia McHugh in 1990.

[41] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42, "Another daughter of Benjamin Fuller, Triphena, married William Brandon and reared a numerous family of eight sons and six daughters"; Bradsby, *History of Luzerne County*, 789, "James Brandon . . . was born March 11, 1814, in Huntington Township. He is a son of William and Tryphena (Fuller) Brandon, natives respectively of Ireland and Massachusetts . . . William Brandon came to America in 1809 and settled in Huntington Twp., where he died in 1856, aged 77 years [*sic*]." A third sketch, *History of Lee County [Illinois]* (Chicago: H. H. Hill Co., 1881), 546, states, "In the early part of the present century Mr. William Brandon emigrated from the north of Ireland to America and settled in Pennsylvania. Soon after coming to America he married Triphenia [*sic*], a daughter of Benjamin Fuller, Esq., a native of Massachusetts. Of this union were fourteen children."

[42] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 54, "The four brothers, Jared, William, John and Edward Brandon had come from Ireland and all settled in Huntington soon after 1800 where Jared and Wm. remained until death. Wm. married Triphena Fuller." An 1803 passenger list includes the following: "William Brandon of Crumlin, Ireland, laborer, age 21"; Henry, aged 20; Gerard, aged 18; Edward, aged 15; and John, aged 14; and other Brandons, among them a "Mary Brandon, of Crumlin, spinster, age 40," all on the *Serpent of Baltimore*, which sailed from Londonderry on 8 May 1803 (Brian Mitchell, *Irish Passenger Lists (1803–1806)* [Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1995], 57). Jared is likely a variant spelling of Gerard.

born in the Parish of Magheraculmoney, County Fermanagh, son of Gerard and Mary (Brien) Brandon.[43]

vii. **Charlotta Fuller**, b. 15 Sept. 1790; m. **John Myers**, son of Elisha and Mary (Bonham) Myers.[44]

viii. **Electa Fuller**, b. 1 July 1792;[45] d. 2 Nov. 1855, bur. in Forty Fort Cemetery, Luzerne Co.;[46] m. **Soloman Bonham**,[47] b. ca. 28 Jan. 1780 and d. 2 Feb. 1829, aged 39 years 5 days, and bur. in Harveyville Cemetery.[48] "Some years later [Electa's] family left Huntington and lived at Miner's Mills, where several of the family continue to reside."[49]

Children of Benjamin and Sarah "Sally" (Potter) Fuller, born probably at Huntington Mills:[50]

ix. **Westover Fuller**,[51] b. ca. 1818.[52] In Nov. 1835 Westover, above 14 years, chose John R. Dean as his guardian.[53]

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[43] Church of Ireland, Magheraculmoney, Co. Fermanagh, parish registers include three children of Gerard and Mary Brandon, first of Drumbrick and then of Crumlin, but William is not listed. For much further information on this family, contact the author of this sketch.

[44] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42.

[45] Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, says 30 June 1792.

[46] Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658.

[47] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42.

[48] Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, but this says he was born in Sept. 1780; photograph online at *findagrave.com* as "Soloman" Bonham.

[49] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42. Miner's Mills is a borough at Wilkes-Barre. Electa Bonham appears in the 1850 Census, Kingston, Luzerne, County, aged 58, b. Mass. She is in the household of Milbery B. Bonham, aged 38. Also in the household were: Huldah Bonham, aged 28, and Barnes Bonham, aged 26—all b. Penn., roll 793, p. 46.

[50] Hartman, *History of Huntington Valley*, 42, "After the death of his first wife, Benjamin Fuller married Sallie, a daughter of Nicolas Potter. She had two sons Westover and John"; Blair, *The Michael Shoemaker Book*, 658, says that Nathan Dodson was named their guardian 1 May 1824. Both Westover and John are named as heirs of Benjamin Fuller, said to be in their minority in 1824 (Luzerne County, Orphan's Court Dockets, Benjamin Fuller's estate, April 1824, 2: 74).

[51] There was a Westover Fuller in Leavenworth County in the 1859 Kansas State Census (Ronald V. Jackson, Accelerated Indexing Systems, comp. Kansas Census, 1850–90, database online [Provo, Utah: *Ancestry.com* Operations, Inc., 1999], original data compiled and digitized by Mr. Jackson and AIS from . . . territorial/state censuses, no ages given).

[52] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Docket, 2: 167, aged 10 years in Aug. 1828.

[53] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Docket Index, 2: 501.

x. **John Fuller**, b. ca. 1821;[54] living 1880;[55] m., probably ca. 1852, **Permilia** ___.[56] In Jan. 1836 John, above 14 years, chose John R. Dean as his guardian.[57] In 1850 John, aged 29, a carpenter, was living at Huntington with [his mother] Sarah Dodson.[58] In 1860 he was at Plains, Luzerne Co., aged 40, farmer, with Permelia 31, Sarah M. 7, and Wm. R. 3, all b. in Penn.[59]

John R. Gibson of Folsom, California, is a hydrologist at the California State Department of Water Resources and a descendant of Benjamin Fuller.

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[54] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Docket, 2: 167, aged 7 or 8 years in Aug. 1828; aged 29 at the 1850 census (see below).

[55] 1880 U.S. Census, Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Penn., roll 1150, ED 143, p. 18. John Fuller, aged 61. Occupation: farmer. Wife: Permilia. Four sons: William R. Benjamin F., John C., Charles A. Fuller, and two daughters: Sarah M. and Mary M. Fuller. John Fuller indicates his father, b. Conn, mother b. Mass.

[56] They had two children in the 1860 census (see below).

[57] Luzerne County, Penn., Orphans' Court Docket Index, 2: 507.

[58] 1850 U.S. Census, Huntington, Luzerne Co., Penn., roll 793, p. 140, his birthplace not given.

[59] 1860 U.S. Census, Plains, Luzerne Co., Penn., roll 1135, p. 710.

Griswold, Theophilus
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Greenfield, Hampshire County[1]

By Joan A. Hunter

Theophilus[6] **Griswold** (*Daniel*[5-3], *George*[2], *Edward*[1])[2] was baptized at Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut, on 3 May 1761, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Griswold.[3] He died at Greenfield on 17 December 1821, aged 60.[4] On Christmas Day 1821, the local paper reported the death "on the 17th inst., after a long and distressing illness, [of] Lt. Theophilus Griswold, aged about 60 years."[5] He was buried in the Log Plain Cemetery at Greenfield.[6]

Theophilus married at Bolton on 6 February 1783, **Elizabeth Talcott**.[7] She was born there on 6 December 1760,[8] daughter of Benjamin[5] (*Benjamin*,[4-3] *Samuel*,[2] *John*[1]) and Elizabeth (Lyman) Talcott.[9] She died at Greenfield on 4 February 1843, aged 82.[10] Elizabeth was buried next to her husband in a row that would eventually fill with

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Greenfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 232.

2 Esther Griswold French and Robert Lewis French, *The Griswold Family in America* (Wethersfield, Conn.: The Griswold Family Assoc., 1990), 108.

3 "Records of the Church in Bolton, Conn.," *Register* 52 [1898]: 417; French, *Griswold Family*, 108.

4 *Vital Records of Greenfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1915), 260.

5 *Franklin Herald*, Greenfield, Mass., 25 December 1821, 3.

6 Log Plain, also known as the Sage Cemetery, 1037 Bernardston Rd., Greenfield. Theophilus and Elizabeth Griswold's gravestones were recorded and photographed by the author in 2003.

7 *Vital Records of Bolton to 1854 and Vernon to 1862* (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Historical Society, 1909), 1.

8 *Vital Records of Bolton and Vernon*, 52.

9 Sebastian Visscher Talcott, *Talcott Pedigree in England and America from 1558 to 1876* (Albany, N.Y.: Weed, Parsons, 1876), 22, 94, 104, 147, 158–59.

10 *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 260.

family members.[11]

Private Theophilus Griswold was in camp "on the Hudson," on 28 June 1778, in Capt. Ozias Bissell's Company, Col. Roger Enos' Regiment. His company was ordered there after the Battle of Monmouth.[12] On 4 January 1784 "Elisabeth Griswould," was "recommend[e]d from Bolton," to the Northfield, Massachusetts, church.[13] Theophilus "of Greenfield" first purchased land there on 19 April 1784[14] and continued to add acreage to his farm.[15]

Theophilus signed his will on 14 February 1820, leaving Elizabeth her widow's thirds; his farm to son Lyman; $300 to youngest son Flavel, "now in college;" $100 to Emelia Griswold, Adeline Griswold, and "Metila" Griswold; and to his six daughters—the three named above—plus Phila Clark, Sophia Risley, and Charlotte Sawyer, all his household furniture to be divided after Elizabeth dies or remarries. He also left "my grandson Royal Seyler or Scyler fifty dollars." It was not presented in court until 27 August 1822.[16]

In 1863 Lyman deeded the Griswold farm to his son John Flavel Griswold, who in 1898 conveyed, by will, the same to his nephew Lyman W. Griswold. On this farm was a lampblack manufacturing place that gave the name to the district.[17]

Children of Theophilus and Elizabeth (Talcott) Griswold, all born at Greenfield:[18]

i. **Elizabeth**[7] **Griswold**, b. 20 April 1784; probably the unnamed dau. of "Theopholus" who died of dysentery, 3 Nov. 1802, aged 14 [*sic*].[19] However, the age "14" is probably an error.

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[11] Recorded and photographed by the author in 2003.

[12] *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution. II War of 1812. III. Mexican War* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood and Brainard, 1889), 535, 541.

[13] Northfield, Mass., Town Clerk, "Northfield Church Records, Northfield Town, Book 2. 1752–1794," original manuscript, rebound, 103; Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), in Northfield Church Records, #92A. No evidence was found to indicate Theophilus ever lived at Northfield.

[14] Hampshire County Deeds, now in Hampden County, 23: 267.

[15] Franklin County Deeds, 10: 138; 11: 30; 54: 175.

[16] Franklin County Probate, Theophilus Griswold will, file 6145, recorded at 8: 308.

[17] Francis M. Thompson, *History of Greenfield, Shire Town of Franklin County, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Greenfield, Mass.: T. Morey & Son, 1904), 2: 688.

[18] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 56.

[19] Vital Records of *Greenfield*, 260, from P.R.1, the diary of Rev. Roger Newton.

ii. **Phila** or **Phelina Griswold**, b. 6 Aug. 1785 or 16 Aug. 1785;[20] d. at Greenfield 19 Feb. 1844, aged 58;[21] m., intentions at Greenfield 26 June 1803, **Robert Clark**,[22] b. at Greenfield 22 Sept. 1781, son of William and Anna (___) Clark.[23] He d. at Greenfield 3 Dec. 1851, aged 70.[24] Robert m. (2) Greenfield 1 July 1845, Bathsheba (Mitchell) Graves,[25] b. at Greenfield 8 July 1796, dau. of Moses Miller and Lydia (Hale) Mitchell[26] and widow of Horace Graves.[27] She d. at Racine, Racine Co., Wis., 16 April 1891, aged 95.[28]

iii. **Sophia Griswold**, b. 7 June 1787; d. in Feb. 1875;[29] m., as his second wife, intentions at Greenfield 1 Oct. 1814, **Asahel Wrisley/Risley Jr.**,[30] bp. at Greenfield 26 July 1782, son of Asahel and Dorcas (Petty) Wrisley.[31] He d. 21 June 1843 and was buried in the Brick Chapel Cemetery at Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.[32]

iv. **Aurelia Griswold**, b. 16 March 1789; d. 5 Sept. 1817, aged 28, bur. in Log Plain Cemetery;[33] m., intentions (at Greenfield 6 May 1809 and at Gill 8 May 1809), **Chester Parmenter**,[34] bp.

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[20] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible." *Massachusetts DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report: Miscellaneous Records*, Series 1, vol. 4 (1929), described as copied from "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," published by Dodge and Sayre, N.Y., 1816. Present owner [1929] Lyman William Griswold, Greenfield, Mass. This Bible says 16 Aug.; *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 56, says "Phila" b. 6 Aug.

[21] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 252.

[22] Vital Records of Greenfield, 161, 179, her name spelled "Phelina."

[23] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 36.

[24] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 57: 182.

[25] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 161.

[26] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 80 (birth), 198 (parents' marriage).

[27] Kenneth Vance Graves, *Thomas Graves, 1645 Settler of Hartford, Connection and Hatfield, Massachusetts, and His Descendants* (Wrentham, Mass.: Family History Publishers, 1985), 79.

[28] Death certificate, Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, Madison, Wis., #01446.

[29] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," 91.

[30] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 179.

[31] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 101. J. H. Temple and George Sheldon, *History of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts, for 150 Years* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1875), 515, says Dorcas married Ashael Ripley [*sic*] of Greenfield.

[32] Genealogy database at the St. Lawrence County Historical Association at Canton, N.Y; Canton, N.Y., Historical Association [which no longer exists]; "Brick Chapel Cemetery, Canton, New York," typescript, list of names and dates of death, 21. Sophia is not listed in this source.

[33] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 278.

[34] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 179, as "Oralena Griswould"; *Vital Records of Gill, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 56, as "Orilla Griswould."

at Northfield, Hampshire [now Franklin] Co., 30 July 1786,[35] son of Josiah[7] (*Deliverance,*[6] *George,*[5-4] *John,*[3-2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Childs) Parmenter.[36] He d. before 13 May 1828, probably at Bernardston, Franklin Co.[37]

v. **Talcott Griswold**, b. 31 July 1791; d. at Greenfield 19 May 1796, scalded by hot water in a dish kettle.[38]

vi. **Lyman Griswold**, b. 5 April 1793[39] or 10 April 1793;[40] d. at Greenfield 16 March 1863, aged 70, of fever;[41] was "of Greenfield" when he m. at Ashby, Middlesex Co., Mass., 21 April 1824, **Urania Barrett**,[42] b. at Ashby 12 Jan. 1796,[43] dau. of Jonas and Urania (Locke) Barrett.[44] She d. at Bernardston 11 Feb. 1880, aged 84.[45]

vii. **John Flavel Griswold**,[46] b. 14 April 1795; d. at Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., 15 February 1872, in his 77th year;[47] m. (1) in 1830, probably at South Hadley, Hampshire Co., **Catharine Gillett**,[48] b. at Granville, Hampshire [now Hampden] Co., 21 Dec. 1807, dau. of Daniel and Edith (Bates) Gillett.[49] She d. 9 Aug. 1832 in her 25th

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[35] "Northfield Church Records," 2: 39.

[36] Pioneering Parmenters of America, *Descendants of Deacon John Parmenter* (La Habra, Calif.: Glenn E. Wright, 2009), 67–68, 125–26.

[37] Franklin Co. Probate, Chester Parmenter, file 3513. At 15: 356, on 13 May 1828, Horace P., minor son of Chester, late of Bernardston, chose Lyman Griswold as his guardian.

[38] Vital Records of *Greenfield*, 260; Thompson, *History of Greenfield*, 2: 740.

[39] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," 90; John Goodwin Locke, *Book of the Lockes* (Boston: James Munroe & Co., 1853), 214.

[40] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 56.

[41] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 165: 289.

[42] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," 89; Jeanette D. Pingrey, *Birth, Marriage and Death Records of the Town of Ashby, Massachusetts, from 1754 to 1890* (Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Publishing Co., 1989), 103, his name spelled "Giswold."

[43] Pingry, *Birth, Marriage and Death Records of Ashby*, 6.

[44] Locke, *Book of the Lockes*, 106–07.

[45] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 319: 317.

[46] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, simply says "Flavel" but Theophilus Packard Jr., *A History of the Churches and Ministers, and of Franklin Association, in Franklin County, Mass.* (Boston, Mass.: S. K. Whipple & Co., 1854), 200, reads, "In 1829 the name John was prefixed by Legislative authority to the other part of his name."

[47] Yale University, *Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale College, Deceased from June, 1870, to June, 1880* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1880), 52.

[48] Yale, *Obituary Record of Graduates*, 52; *History of Washington, New Hampshire, from the First Settlement to the Present Time 1708–1886* (Claremont, N.H.: Claremont Manufacturing Co., 1886), 460.

[49] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County,*

year and was bur. in the Old Cemetery at South Hadley beside Daniel and Edith Gillett.[50] John Flavel Griswold m. (2) perhaps at Claremont, Sullivan Co., N.H., **Mary Stevens**,[51] who d. about 1836,[52] and (3) perhaps at Newfane, Windham Co., Vt.,[53] 21 May 1837, **Sophia C. Miller**, b. at Dummerston, Windham Co. 2 June 1815, dau. of Marshall and Sophia Charlotte (Porter) Miller.[54] She d. 20 Dec. 1881.[55]

viii. **Charlotte Griswold**, b. 2 June 1797; d. at Northfield 20 Dec. 1857;[56] married, intentions at Northfield 10 May 1818, **Benjamin Sawyer**,[57] b. at Bolton, Worcester Co., Mass., 19 Feb. 1785, son of Benjamin and Rebeckah (Houghton) Sawyer.[58] He d. at Northfield between 8 April 1842, when he signed his will, and 23 Aug. 1842, when it was proved.[59]

ix. **Emilia/Emily Griswold**, b. 3 June 1800,[60] bp. at Greenfield 17 Aug. 1800;[61] d. at Sunderland, Franklin Co., 9 Nov. 1884;[62] m. at Greenfield 16 Oct. 1822, **Perrin Nelson Richards** of

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Massachusetts, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), South Hadley Vital Records, #230 (birth at Granville); *Vital Records of Granville, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1914), 120 (parents' marriage).

[50] Jessie Lie, *Old South Hadley Burial Ground 1976* (n.p.: South Hadley Historical Society, [1776), no pagination; Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, South Hadley, Old Cemetery, #238, as wife of Rev. John F. Griswold.

[51] *History of Washington,* 460.

[52] Packard, *History of the Churches and Ministers . . . Franklin County*, 200.

[53] *History of Washington,* 460.

[54] Abby Maria Hemenway, *Vermont Historical Gazetteer, the Towns of Windham County* (Burlington, Vt.: A. M. Hemenway, 1868–91), 5: 207; David Lufkin Mansfield, *History of the Town of Dummerston* in *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, 5: 97.

[55] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 328: 311, gives Sophia's age at death, and parents.

[56] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 111: 307.

[57] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume III: Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, Northfield Vital Records, 94C: 243.

[58] Vital Records of *Bolton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1910), 74 (birth), 167 (parents' marriage); Eleanor Grace Sawyer, *Sawyer Families of New England 1636–1900* (Camden, Maine: Penobscot Press, 1995), 228. The death record of their daughter Rebecca H. Bullock gives her father's place of birth as Bolton (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 294: 327).

[59] Franklin County Probate, Benjamin Sawyer, file 4096, will recorded at 28: 65.

[60] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," 90.

[61] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 55, from P.R. 1, the diary of Rev. Roger Newton.

[62] John Montague Smith, *History of the Town of Sunderland, Massachusetts* (Greenfield, Mass.: E. A. Hall, 1899), 492; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 355: 344.

Rockingham, Windham Co., Vt.,[63] b. at Charlestown, Sullivan Co., N.H., 16 May 1799, son of Edward and Eunice (Locke) Richards.[64] He d. at Sunderland 12 Sept. 1869.[65]

x. **Adeline Griswold**, b. 31 Dec. 1802,[66] bp. at Greenfield 1 May 1803;[67] d. in 1827, bur. in Center Cemetery, Bernardston;[68] m., intentions at Greenfield 5 Nov. 1822, **Jonah Sawyer**,[69] b. at Bolton 31 Aug. 1787, son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Houghton) Sawyer and brother of Benjamin Sawyer who m. Adeline's sister Charlotte.[70] He d. at Greenfield 30 June 1861, aged 74,[71] and was bur. in Bernardston Center Cemetery.[72] Jonah m. (2) at Leominster, Worcester Co., 30 Jan. 1828, Rebecca Bowers,[73] who d. Greenfield 10 Oct. 1852, aged 65;[74] and (3) Springfield, Hampden Co., 26 April 1854, Nancy Eliza (Robinson) Pendleton,[75] b. at West Springfield[76] in 1804, dau. of Joel and Anna (Bartlett) Robinson, and widow of Dennis Beamont Pendleton.[77] She d. of general debility at Deerfield, Franklin Co., 5 Aug. 1873, a widow, aged 68.[78]

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[63] Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 492; intentions at Greenfield 28 Sept. 1822 (*Vital Records of Greenfield*, 179).

[64] Locke, *Book of the Lockes*, 107–08; Smith, *History of Sunderland*, 492.

[65] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 220: 293, which names his parents.

[66] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," 90.

[67] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 55, from P.R. 1, the diary of Rev. Roger Newton.

[68] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume III: Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, Bernardston Center Cemetery, #374.

[69] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 215.

[70] *Vital Records of Bolton*, 76. See Note 58 for their parents.

[71] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 147: 323, called Jonas Sawyer, parents not named.

[72] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume III: Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, Bernardston Center Cemetery, #374.

[73] *Vital Records of Leominster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1911), 254, "Capt. Jonah of Northfield."

[74] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 66: 179.

[75] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 78: 323; Sawyer, *Sawyer Families*, 194.

[76] Her death record in Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 256: 320, names her parents as "Joel & Anna," both born at Granby, Mass., and Nancy's place of birth as West Springfield.

[77] Everett Hall Pendleton, *Brian Pendleton and His Descendants* (n.p.: the author, 1922), 377, which supplies Nancy's full middle name; Clifford L. Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts, to 1850*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2002), from the *Hampden Journal*, 1 Nov. 1826, Dennis B. Pendleton and Nancy E. Robinson, both of Springfield; Sawyer, *Sawyer Families*, 194, says she was the dau. of Joseph.

[78] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 256: 320, her parents "Joel and Anna."

xi. **Melitta Griswold**, b. 8 April 1805,[79] bp. 23 June 1805;[80] d. at Gill, Franklin Co., 18 May 1844, aged 40 years 1 month 10 days;[81] m., as his second wife, probably at Gill or Greenfield, 15 Aug. 1839,[82] **Seth Munn**, b. at Gill 15 Aug. 1789, son of Seth and Salina or Salima (Janes) Munn.[83] He d. there 6 June 1876, of pneumonia, aged 86 years 11 months 22 days.[84] Seth had m. (1) at Gill 4 Dec. 1811[85] Gratia Wright, dau. of Oliver and Hepzibah (Belding) Wright; and m. (3) at Guilford, Windham Co., Vt., 21 October 1843, Alvira Phillips,[86] dau. of Israel and Mercy (Bascom) Phillips.[87]

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[79] "Theophilus Griswold Family Bible," 90.

[80] *Vital Records of Greenfield*, 55 (P.R.1, the diary of Rev. Roger Newton) 56, (her birth as 8 April 1809 [*sic*], probably an error).

[81] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 14: 117.

[82] Ralph M Stoughton, "History of the Town of Gill, Massachusetts, 1793–1945," 4 vols., vol. 3, Genealogy, A–I, vol. 4, Genealogy, J–Z, microfilm of typescript at the Gill Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office (FHL microfilm 0,886,882), no page numbers, arranged by families, says married 15 Aug. 1839; intentions at Gill 1 June 1839 (*Vital Records of Gill*, 56) and at Greenfield 3 June 1839 (*Vital Records of Greenfield*, 179).

[83] *Vital Records of Gill*, 28 (birth, naming only his father, Seth); Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume III: Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, Northfield Church Records, 72 (parents' marriage, "Salima"). J. H. Temple, *A History of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell, 1875), 504, calls her Matilda Griswold and names Seth's mother as Salina Janes. Frederic Janes, *The Janes Family* (New York: John H. Dinaman, 1898), 128, spells her name "Salima."

[84] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 283: 303, parents named as Seth and Selina Munn.

[85] *Vital Records of Gill*, 65 (marriage). Temple, *History of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts*, 572.

[86] Vermont State Vital Records, citing Guilford Vital Records, E:381.

[87] Stoughton, "History of Gill," calls her Elvira D. Phillips.

Harwood, Andrew
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Ware, Hampshire County[1]

By J. Joseph Harland, PhD

Andrew Harwood was born at Greenwich, Hampshire County,[2] Massachusetts, and was baptized at Hardwick, Worcester County, on 20 September 1743,[3] son of John and Mary (Powers) Harwood.[4] He died at Ware, Hampshire County, on 23 February 1823, aged 80.[5] Andrew's parents, John and Mary, were residing at Lambstown (Hardwick) as early as 1735. They later removed to the Quabbin area, eventually residing at Greenwich by 1742.[6]

Andrew married at Greenwich on 21 February 1771, **Rachel Higgins**.[7] She was baptized at Hardwick on 19 May 1751, daughter of Jonathan and Rachel (Doane) Higgins.[8]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Ware, Hampshire County, Mass., roll 4, p. 643.

2 Watson H. Harwood, M.D., *A Genealogical History of the Harwood Families, Descended from Andrew Harwood,* 3 vols. (Chasm Falls, N.Y.: the author, 1911), 1: 42.

3 Vital Records of *Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 52, the surname spelled "Harrod."

4 Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 32, 42.

5 Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844 (FHL 0,760,644), 1: 52.

6 Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 32. In 1771 John Harwood was taxed at Greenwich (Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771* [Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1998], 392).

7 Church of Christ, Greenwich, Mass., Records, 1760–1832 (FHL 1,871,030), 28. Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 42, says at Ware 25 Feb.; intentions at Hardwick 3 Feb. 1771 (*Vital Records of Hardwick*, 191).

8 *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 58, her mother not named with the baptism but named with births of other children; Katharine Elizabeth Chapin Higgins, *Richard Higgins, a Resident and Pioneer Settler at Plymouth and Easton, Massachusetts, and at Piscataway, New Jersey, and His Descendants* (Worcester, Mass.: the author, 1918), 73, 102. Lucius R. Paige, *History of Hardwick, with a Genealogical Register* (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1883), 397, names Jonathan's children by Rachel.

Andrew served as a private during the Revolution in Lieut. Josiah Wilson's Company, Col. Porter's Hampshire County Regiment. He marched on 23 September 1777 and was discharged 17 October 1777.[9] The company marched to reinforce the army under Major General Horatio Gates, who was in command of the forces at Saratoga.

The 1798 Direct Tax for Ware shows that Andrew had a farm bounded on the north by the Greenwich line. There were a house and barn and three lots of land on the property, and he was listed with two polls. John Harwood was listed separately.[10] Andrew had sold John sixty acres of land at Ware on 23 March 1796, and he sold John another twenty-one acres at Greenwich and two other pieces, including the farm he lived on at Ware on 26 March 1807.[11] Exactly a year later, on 26 March 1808, John and Andrew drew up an indenture, worded as a lease to Andrew but John to provide for both Andrew and Rachel and "cultivate and improve" the farm "with that reverence & respect which is due from a Child to a Parent."[12]

Children of Andrew and Rachel (Higgins) Harwood, all born at Ware:

i. **Rachel Dane Harwood**, b. 12 Sept. 1771;[13] d. at Cicero, Onondaga Co., N.Y., in Dec. 1859,[14] aged 89, bur. in Stone Arabia Cemetery at Cicero;[15] m. at Ware 19 Nov. 1795, **Aaron Chamberlain**,[16] b. ca. 1770, possibly at Hardwick, d. in April 1831, aged 60, bur. in Stone Arabia Cemetery.[17]

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[9] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 8: 410.

[10] Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 17: 133, 243, 385, 509.

[11] Hampshire County Deeds, 24: 309; 27: 416–17.

[12] Hampshire County Deeds, 35: 272.

[13] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[14] U.S. Census Mortality Schedules, New York, 1850–1880, New York State Education Department, Office of Cultural Education, Albany, New York, year 1860, roll M4, line 13, database online at *Ancestry.com*. In 1850 Rachel, aged 80, was enumerated with her son David Chamberlain at Cicero, Onondaga Co., N.Y. (roll 570, p. 394).

[15] Photograph of the gravestone for herself and husband online at *findagrave.com*, called Cicero Center Cemetery; Ruth Sweeting, compiler, "Stone Arabia Cemetery," database, *http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyononda/CEMETERY/STONEARA.HTM/*, accessed 19 January 2009.

[16] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 53.

[17] Sweeting, "Stone Arabia Cemetery; photograph of the headstone online at *findagrave.com*, which calls it Cicero Center Cemetery.

ii. **John Harwood**, b. 26 Oct. 1772;[18] d. 27 Sept. 1852, aged 80, bur. in Village Cemetery at Bennington, Bennington Co., Vt.;[19] m. at Ware 18 Oct. 1798, **Betsey Furbush,**[20] b. ca. 1779. She was the Betty Furbush baptized at Acton, Mass., 29 August 1779, dau. of James and Eunice (Brown) Furbush.[21] She d. 6 June 1839, aged 60, and was bur. with John.[22]

iii. **Nathan Harwood**, b. 26 Jan. 1775;[23] drowned in childhood.[24]

iv. **Elijah Harwood**, b. 8 Nov. 1776;[25] d. unm. aged 96.[26]

v. **Andrew Harwood**, b. 12 March 1779;[27] d. aged 17.[28]

vi. **Jonathan Harwood**, b. 23 March 1781;[29] d. 10 June 1848, bur. in Ware Center Cemetery;[30] m. **Anna Cutter**, b. at New Braintree, Worcester Co., ca. 30 June 1782, dau. of Solomon and Sarah (Southworth or Southward) Cutter or Cutler. Anna d. at Ware 8 Oct. 1866, aged 84 years 3 months 8 days.[31] At the 1798 Direct Tax,

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[18] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[19] Vermont State Vital Records, from Book B, 60, of misc. Bennington records; Lynne M. Cassano, Bennington, Vt., Cemetery Inscriptions, database online at *Ancestry.com*.

[20] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 255; Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 49, calls her Betsey Bugbee.

[21] *Vital Records of Acton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1923), 49. Of the children listed in James Forbush's Revolutionary War Pension file (W24,226), the first three, Eunice, Polly/Molly, and Betty were baptized at Acton and the sixth through ninth were born at Greenwich, Mass. (Massachusetts State Society, DAR, "Greenwich, Massachusetts, Vital Records Prior to 1850," 88). James was enumerated at Greenwich in 1790 (roll 4, p. 233), Ware in 1800 (roll 15, p. 956), back at Greenwich in 1810 (roll 19, p. 170), and Dummer, Coos Co., N.H. (roll 59, p. 504). He died at Dummer on 20 March 1827 (pension file).

[22] Vermont State Vital Records, wife of John, from her gravestone; Cassano, Bennington, Vermont, Cemetery Inscriptions, database online at *Ancestry.com*.

[23] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[24] Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 49.

[25] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[26] Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 49.

[27] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[28] Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 1: 49.

[29] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[30] Ware Center Cemetery, Jonathan Harwood marker, photographed by Arthur C. Snow, 11 November 2007; listed online at *findagrave.com*. An account allowed on the first Tuesday of Feb. 1852 refers to a will and includes the names of Andrew and Anne Harwood (Hampshire County Probate, 49:60), but the will was not copied into the record books.

[31] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 193: 71, her death record, where her parents' surname looks more like "Cutter" than "Cutler." A Solomon Cutter or Cutler married at Rochester, Mass., 8 Dec. 1779 Sally Southworth or Southward (*Vital Records of*

Solomon Cutter was listed at Ware as both tenant and owner, his farm adjoining that of Andrew Harwood.[32]

vii. **James Harwood**, b. 14 Feb. 1783.[33] "He lived many years in Canada, where he had a family, but he came back to Ware and died."[34]

viii. **Mary Harwood**, b. 8 April 1785;[35] d. young.[36]

ix. **Sarah Harwood**, b. 20 March 1787;[37] d. at Ware 6 June 1830;[38] m. there 30 Dec. 1810, **Eber Cutter**,[39] b. at North Brookfield, Worcester Co., ca. 21 Oct. 1778, son of Elijah and Dinah (Gilbert) Cutter. He d. at Warren, Worcester Co., 12 May 1862, aged 86.[40] He m. (2) Harriet F. Hathaway, b. at Warren 6 Feb. 1798, dau. of Nathan and Lydia (Alexander) Hathaway.[41] She d. at Warren 3 Jan. 1851.[42]

x. **Henrietta Harwood**, b. 11 June 1789;[43] m. at Ware 8 Oct. 1815, **Zebina Cutter**,[44] who d. at Ware 22 Oct. 1827, son of Elijah and

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Brookfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 [Boston: NEHGS, 1909], 297, which says "at Rochester"; *Vital Records of Rochester, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. [Boston: NEHGS, 1914], 2: 100, Solomon "Cutler" of Brookfield). In 1790 a Solomon Cutter or Cutler [indistinguishable] was living at Oakham, Worcester County, Mass., with one male over 16, two under, and four females (1790 U.S. Census, roll 4, p. 451). In 1800 he was at Ware, aged 26–45, the name quite clearly written "Cutter" and next to Elijah Cutter, over 45, who had two males 10–16 and one 16–26 [probably father of Eber and Zebina who married other Harwood siblings] (roll 15, p. 956). Solomon "Cutter" died at Ware 4 Sept. 1827 (Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), from Ware Vital Records, 1732–1905, record #240).

[32] Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, Ware, 17: 240.

[33] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[34] Harwood, *History of the Harwood Families*, 49.

[35] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[36] Harwood, *History of the Harwood Families*, 49.

[37] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[38] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, record #239.

[39] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 263.

[40] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 158: 292, which says, under his name, "(original n.) Cutler." That could refer to the name as written on the original town vital record, or it could refer to a family name change. The names Cutler and Cutter are often difficult to distinguish when handwritten. See the note above about Solomon Cutler/Cutter.

[41] *Vital Records of Warren (Formerly Western), Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1910), 37 (birth), 111 (parents' marriage).

[42] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 59: 197.

[43] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 51.

[44] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 267.

Dinah (Gilbert) Cutter[45] and brother of Eber Cutter. On 14 Aug. 1832 Henrietta Cutter petitioned for probate on Zebina's estate, saying he had died "about four years since."[46]

xi. **Lurana Harwood**, b. 19 Feb. 1792;[47] d. 3 Sept. 1850, bur. in Ware Center Cemetery;[48] m. at Ware 25 Dec. 1821, **James Bacon**,[49] b. at Ware 1 July 1792, son of Thomas and Jerusha (___) Bacon.[50] He d. 18 July 1853, aged 61, and was bur. in Ware Center Cemetery.[51]

xii. **Andrew Harwood**, b. 15 April 1796;[52] d. at Dickinson, Franklin Co., N.Y., 25 March 1878; bur. in Fairview Cemetery in Dickinson;[53] m. (1) at Hardwick 5 May 1817, **Mary P. Latham**,[54] b. at Greenwich 24 June 1797, dau. of Winslow and Rebecca (Hanks) Latham.[55] Mary P. (Latham) Harwood d. at Greenwich 29 Aug. 1840[56] and was bur. in Greenwich Cemetery.[57] Andrew m. (2), intentions at Greenwich 7 Nov. 1840, **Abigail (___) Knight**,[58]

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[45] Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, from Ware Vital Records, 1732–1905, record #239.

[46] Hampshire County Probate, B1: 223.

[47] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 52.

[48] Ware Center Cemetery, photographed by Arthur C. Snow, 17 Nov. 2007; listed online at *findagrave.com*.

[49] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 269.

[50] Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, from Ware Vital Records, 1732–1905, record #111.

[51] Ware Center Cemetery, photographed by Arthur C. Snow, 17 Nov. 2007; listed online at *findagrave.com*.

[52] Ware Births, Marriages and Intentions, Deaths 1735–1844, 1: 52.

[53] Harwood, *History of the Harwood Families*, 50; Fossy Powell and Joyce Ranieri, "Fairview Cemetery, Dickinson, Franklin County, New York," database online at the *Northern New York Tombstone Transcription Project*, accessed 3 Aug. 2008, online at *http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fjgen/index.htm*.

[54] *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 186; Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 50.

[55] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 50 (birth), 17 (parents' intentions of marriage). Harwood, *Harwood Families*, 50, says born 26 June.

[56] Records of the Church of Christ in Greenwich, 2: 74, "died suddenly."

[57] Massachusetts Cemetery Records, Quabbin Park, 1741–1984 (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1985), 4: 10, lot 122.

[58] Virgil D. White, *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files* (Waynesboro, Tenn., The National Historical Publishing Co., 1992), 1: 943; Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 129.

widow of Elijah W. Knight.[59] She was b. in Mass. ca. 1797[60] and d. at Dickinson, Franklin Co., N.Y., 12 Feb. 1882.[61]

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[59] Elijah W. Knight and wife Abigail had two children recorded at Greenwich, born in 1827 and 1836 at Carmel, Maine (Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 139). Their son Elijah W. was buried with Andrew and Abigail in Fairview Cemetery (see the website cited for their burial above).

[60] 1850 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 321, p. 352.

[61] Harwood, *History of the Harwood Families*, 50; Powell and Ranieri, "Fairview Cemetery, Dickinson, Franklin County, New York."

Hastings, Nathan

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Warwick, Hampshire County[1]

By Scott Billigmeier

Nathan[4] Hastings is said to have been born either at Warwick, then in Hampshire County, on 28 August 1743,[2] or at Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 17 August 1744, son of Benjamin and Mary (Taynter) Hastings.[3] The Warwick date was probably added to town records much later, when his children's births were recorded. He is said to have been baptized at Watertown on 21 August 1743 [*sic*].[4] Although Nathan's is the only child's birth not recorded at Watertown, his father named a son Nathan in his will dated at Watertown 21 May 1756.[5] Nathan died, perhaps at Northfield, Hampshire County, on 25

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Warwick, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 633.

[2] Charles A. Morse, *Warwick, Mass., Biography of a Town* (Cambridge, Mass.: Dresser, Chapman & Grimes, 1963), 112, says that his birth is recorded on the first page of the "first book of Vital Statistics" for Warwick, but this record does not appear in Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), which includes some, but not all, Warwick vital records. The record does indeed appear on p. 1 of a transcript of the early Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, on FHL microfilm 1,888,692.

[3] Lydia Nelson (Hastings) Buckminster, *The Hastings Memorial* (Boston: Samuel G. Drake, 1866) 135; J. H. Temple & George Sheldon, *History of the Town of Northfield, Mass.* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1875), 457. His parents' marriage on 14 April 1726 is recorded in *Watertown Records Comprising the Fourth Book of Town Proceedings and the Third Book of Births, Marriages and Deaths from 1838–1822* (Boston: Stanhope Press, n.d.), 117.

[4] *Watertown Records Comprising East Congregational and Precinct Affairs 1697 to 1737; also Record Book of the Pastors, 1686 to 1819* (Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1906), 148. Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1855), 1: 288–89, says 2 August.

[5] Middlesex County Probate, file 10644. The will, proved 27 Sept. 1756, names wife Mary, sons Benjamin, Symon, Jonas, William, Nathan, and Samuel, and daughter Hannah Larned.

March 1838,[6] but according to his probate record he was of Windham, Windham County, Vermont, when he made his will on 19 September 1829. It was proved in Windham County and also recorded in Franklin County, Massachusetts, on 19 June 1838.[7]

Nathan was "of Shrewbury" when he married at Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 13 November 1767 [intentions?] or 24 February 1768 or 8 January 1769, **Lois Rice**.[8] She was born at Worcester on 31 December 1748 or 1749, daughter of Absalom and Elizabeth (Flagg) Rice.[9] She died on 28 December 1800, aged 52, and they are both buried in the Warwick Center Cemetery on Orange Road (now Route 78).[10]

After their marriage, Nathan and Lois were at Shrewsbury for the birth of their first child. Possibly as early as 1768,[11] but more likely after their son Benjamin's baptism there in September 1770, they moved to Warwick, where they remained. Nathan's documentary footprint in Warwick is light, although in May, probably 1777,[12] at a special town meeting, he was assigned the task, with two other men, of hiring the town's quota for the Continental Army. In their later years (after 1799), the family probably lived along Richmond Road (north of Mayo Corners) and perhaps near the intersection with Rum Brook Road where Jonas Hastings resided.[13] There is an interesting tale relating to Lois: "On land formerly owned by Mr.

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[6] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 136; the date in a photograph in Warwick Cemetery, online at *findagrave.com*.

[7] Franklin County Probate, docket #2248, 24: 302.

[8] Franklin P. Rice, *Worcester Births, Marriages and Deaths* (Worcester, Mass.: Worcester Society of Antiquity, 1894), 359, says 13 Nov. 1767. Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800*, 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1897–1914; repr. 3 vols. in 1, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), First Book, 10, from the county copy, says 24 February 1768. *Vital Records of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1904), 165, says 8 Jan. 1769 "in Worcester."

[9] Rice, *Worcester Births, Marriages and Deaths*, 222, says 31 Dec. 1748/9, which is puzzling, as Old Style dates do not pertain to December. Andrew H. Ward, *A Genealogical History of the Rice Family* (Boston: 1858), 72, says 1748, which is probably correct.

[10] Site visit by Scott Billigmeier in June 2005; photographs online at *findagrave.com*.

[11] Morse, *Warwick, Biography of a Town*, 112, which indicates that they settled in the northwest part of the town in 1768. This is at odds with the seemingly more authoritative Shrewsbury Records and is probably based only on a later record of daughter Mary's birth.

[12] Correspondence in Sept. 2005 with Charles Brown of Warwick, who indicated that the last digit of the year was not discernible. Given the flow of events, it was probably 1777.

[13] Morse, *Warwick, Biography of a Town*, 87, 112, 253.

Nathan Hastings, there is a place, under a shelving rock, that was once a bear's den; and a young cub was caught there, and Mrs. Hastings actually nursed it at her own breast." The author corresponded with Charles Brown, local historian, who reported that while unusual, such a thing was not unknown in those parts.[14]

In 1820 a Nathan Hastings was living at Whately, Franklin County, Massachusetts, over 45, with a male 10–16, a female 10–16, one 16–26, one 26–45, and one over 45.[15] But in 1830 he was surely the male aged 80–90 in his son Nathan Hastings' household at Windham, Vermont.[16]

Nathan's will gave bequests to widow Mary Simons; son Jonas; Lois, wife of Abijah Fisher, and son Nathan Jr.[17] Son Benjamin had died earlier, probably without issue, as Nathan did not name any of his children.

Children of Nathan and Lois (Rice) Hastings, first two born at Shrewsbury[18] and the remainder at Warwick:

i. **Mary[5] Hastings**, b. 12 Dec. 1768;[19] living 19 Sept. 1829;[20] m. 22 or 23 Feb. 1787, **William Simonds**,[21] b. at Bedford, Middlesex Co.,[22] probably ca. 1762, probably the William Simonds who d. at Warwick 19 Feb. 1825, aged 63.[23]

ii. **Benjamin Hastings**, b. 25 June 1770,[24] bp. at Shrewsbury 1 Sept. 1770;[25] d. at Warwick 12 Jan. 1818,[26] bur. in Warwick Cemetery;[27]

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[14] Jonathan Blake, *History of the Town of Warwick, Mass.* (Boston: Noyes, Holmes & Co., 1873), 123.

[15] 1820 U.S. Census, Whately, Franklin Co., Mass., roll 50, p. 31.

[16] 1830 U.S. Census, Windham, Windham Co., Vt., roll 186, p. 71.

[17] Franklin County Probate, 24: 302.

[18] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 136–37.

[19] *Vital Records of Shrewsbury*, 49; Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 8, probably recorded after the family moved there.

[20] Named in her father's will (see above).

[21] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 146 (marriage on 22 Feb.), 79 (intentions 21 Sept. 1786); Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 136, and Warwick Births and Deaths, 1805 (FHL 1,888,692 Item 2), 210, where six children are also recorded, say 23 Feb. 1787;

[22] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 136.

[23] Corbin, *Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, from Warwick Vital Records, 34.

[24] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 10, probably recorded later.

[25] Andrew H. Ward, *History of the Town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts . . . Including an Extensive Family Register* (Boston: Samuel G. Drake, 1847), 303.

[26] Corbin, *Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Warwick Vital Records, 216, suicide: Warwick Vital Records, FHL 1,888,692, item 2, labelled "Births and Deaths 1805," 130, no mention of suicide.

[27] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

m., intentions at Warwick, 12 Dec. 1793, **Elizabeth "Betsey" Jones** of Lunenburg, Worcester Co.,[28] b. ca. 1770[29] and d. "soon after her marriage"[30] 19 Oct. 1796, aged 26; she was bur. in Warwick Cemetery.[31] William Simonds of Warwick posted bond as administrator on Benjamin's estate on 30 March 1818.[32]

iii. **Jonas Hastings**, b. 18 March 1772;[33] d. at Oak Orchard Falls (later Ridgeway, now Medina), Orleans Co., N.Y., in 1851;[34] m. at Warwick 31 March 1796, **Nancy Emerson** of Acton, Middlesex Co.,[35] b. in Mass. ca. 1777,[36] d. at Ridgeway 20 September 1862.[37] Jonas was an innkeeper at Warwick and is the subject of a story about transporting a barrel of liquor that led to the naming of Rum Brook Road.[38] In 1850 at Ridgeway, Jonas was 78, a farmer, and Nancy 73, both born in Mass.[39]

iv. **Lois Hastings**, b. 24 April 1774;[40] d. at Warwick 29 Aug. 1835,[41] bur. in Warwick Cemetery;[42] m., as his second wife, intentions at Warwick, 20 Nov. 1797, **Abijah Fisher**,[43] b. at Norton, Bristol Co., Mass., 8 Sept. 1758, son of Abijah and Mary (Washburn) Fisher.[44]

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[28] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 84, no marriage recorded there.

[29] An Elizabeth Jones was born at Lunenburg 18 March 1770, dau. of Joseph and Mary Jones (Walter A. Davis, *The Early Records of the Town of Lunenburg, Massachusetts* [Fitchburg, Mass.: City Countil, 1896], 307).

[30] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 137.

[31] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[32] Franklin County Probate, docket #2236, 4: 64, inventory at 4: 142–43.

[33] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 137; Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 13.

[34] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 137.

[35] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 159 (marriage), 85 (intentions 26 Feb. 1796); Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 137.

[36] 1850 U.S. Census, Ridgeway, Orleans Co., N.Y., roll 575, p. 206.

[37] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 137.

[38] Warwick, *Biography of a Town*, 253–54.

[39] 1850 U.S. Census, Ridgeway, Orleans Co., N.Y., roll 575, p. 206.

[40] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 139; Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 17.

[41] Corbin, *Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Warwick Vital Records, 219; Ryan M. Amidon, "Warwick Cemetery, Franklin County, Mass.," online at *http://files.usgwarchives.net/ma/franklin/towns/warwick/cemeteries/warwick.txt*. But Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 139, says she d. in 1834, aged 60.

[42] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[43] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 87, no marriage recorded there; Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 450, does not give the place.

[44] *Vital Records of Norton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1906), 55 (birth), 233 (parents' marriage).

He d. at Warwick 4 April 1833, aged 76.[45]

v. **Nathan Hastings Jr.**, b. 1 March 1777;[46] d. at Windham 11 Aug. 1852, in his 77th year,[47] bur. in Windham Center Cemetery;[48] m., intentions at Warwick, 2 Feb. 1806,[49] 24 Feb. 1806, **Esther Woodward** of Orange, Hampshire Co.,[50] b. at Orange ca. 1788, dau. of Jonathan and Hepzibah (Goddard) Woodward.[51] She d. 12 May 1863 and was bur. in Windham Center Cemetery.[52] Nathan and Esther came to Windham in 1806[53] and settled in a house that still stands near the end of what is now called Golding Road in the southeast corner of town;[54] she m. (2) at Londonderry, Windham Co., 28 Oct. 1858, Ezra Pierce,[55] b. at "Londonderry alias Windham" 6 Dec. 1788, son of Nehemiah and Phebe (___) Pierce. A farmer, he d. at Windham 23 June 1869, aged 80 years 6 months 17 days.[56]

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[45] Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 450; Corbin, *Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Warwick Vital Records, 28.

[46] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 23. Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, lists the birth year as 1776.

[47] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 139; *Brattleboro Eagle*, Thursday, 26 Aug. 1852, 3.

[48] Vermont State Vital Records; photograph by a member of the Historical Society of Windham County in late 2005.

[49] Warwick Vital Records, 1739–1812, 97. The marriage may have been there but not recorded.

[50] *Political Observatory*, Walpole, N.H., 14 March 1806, 3.

[51] Norma Slater Woodward, *Descendants of Richard, Nathaniel, Robert and Henry Woodward of New England, 1589–1996*, revised and edited by Thomas R. Steadman (Tampa, Fla.: the editor, 1996), 156–57. On a visit in June 2005, Scott Billigmeier found that their probable home still stands on Town Farm Road at North Orange. Jonathan and Hepzibah are buried together in the North Orange Cemetery on Athol Road.

[52] Vermont State Vital Records; Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 139; *Bellows Falls Times*, 5 June 1863, 3.

[53] Correspondence, dated 30 Nov. 2006, between Scott Billigmeier and Jonathan Stevens, Consulting Genealogist, of Chester, Vt., says Nathan began buying land in Section 10 of Windham in 1798 (50 acres) and 1800 (100 acres) and sold twenty-three acres to Asahel Osgood in March 1802.

[54] Jonathan Stevens, correspondence 2006–08.

[55] Buckminster, *Hastings Memorial*, 139; Vermont State Vital Records.

[56] Vermont State Vital Records.

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Bethlehem, Berkshire County[1]

By Carol R. Austin

Stephen[6] Heath[2] was born at Tolland, Tolland County, Connecticut, on 15 September 1758, son of Isaac[5] and Patience (Markham) Heath.[3] He died on 12 November 1832, aged 74 years, and was buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Geneseo, Livingston County, New York.[4]

He married at Tyringham, Berkshire County, on 30 April 1782, **Anna Milliman**.[5] She was born at South Kingston, Washington County, Rhode Island, on 30 November 1760, daughter of Bryant and Eliza-

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Bethlehem, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 343. The District of Bethlehem was established in 1789. In 1809 it united with the town of Loudon and on 13 June 1810 the name of Loudon was changed to Otis (William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, 5th edition [Boston: NEHGS, 1997], 88–89).

[2] See Carol R. Austin, *Descendants of John Milliman of Kingston, Rhode Island* (Garden Grove, Calif.: the author, 1994), 9, 32–35.

[3] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Tolland Vital Records, 2: 11 (birth), and Willington Vital Records, A: 19, B: 22 (parents' marriage); Valerie Dyer Giorgi, *William Heath of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Some of His Descendants* (Santa Maria, Calif.: the author, 1993), 32, 67 (Stephen's line given as *Isaac*[5], *Ebenezer*[4], *Isaac*[1–2], *William*[1], no sources provided). In his will dated 7 Sept. 1784, Isaac Heath named his wife Patience and eldest son Isaac, but the distribution of his real estate included property for son Stephen (Berkshire County Probate, 23: 3 (will), 120 (return of distributors). For recent research on the ancestry see Douglas Richardson, "The Heath Connection: English Origins of Isaac and William Heath of Roxbury, Massachusetts, John Johnson, Edward Morris, and Elizabeth (Morris) Cartwright," *Register* 146 [1992]: 261–68.

[4] Mrs. S. C. Douglas and Anna B. Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," manuscript in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, Mss A7428 (Rochester, N.Y., 1928), 23; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[5] *Vital Records of Tyringham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1903), 80.

beth (?Whitford) (?Mitchell) Milliman.[6] She died on 24 March 1826, aged 65 years, and was buried with Stephen.[7] He married second **Lydia** ____.[8]

Stephen enlisted as a private on 26 April 1777 in Capt. Noah Lankton's Company, Col. Ashley's Berkshire Co. Regiment, and was discharged on 20 May 1777, serving 25 days at Saratoga. He was also a corporal in Capt. John Collar's Company, Col. John Ashley's Berkshire Co. Regiment, from 19 July 1779 to 27 August 1779. The company marched to Connecticut.[9]

On 20 December 1783 "Stephen Heath of Lee," Massachusetts, purchased a lot of twenty acres and twenty rods at Tyringham. When he sold this on 16 February 1790, he was "of Bethlehem."[10] However, he was of Becket, Berkshire County, when he purchased third division lot #101 at Becket on 22 November 1787 and was still said to be of Becket when he and his wife Anna sold that land on 16 June 1798.[11] Perhaps they never actually lived at Becket but worked the land there. According to his father's probate he received other lands, presumably at Tyringham, but no deed of sale was recorded.

In 1800 at Bethlehem, Stephen Heath and a female were both 26–45 with two males and two females under 10 and three females 10–16.[12] By 1810 they were at Geneseo.[13]

On 16 November 1832 Stephen Heath's second wife quitclaimed on her dower rights to his heirs at Geneseo. The deed lists the children and their spouses: "William Clark and Anna his wife, Edward Davis and Sally his wife, Nicholas Severence and Phebe his wife, Hebbard Owen, Rosina Owen, Eliphalet Owen, Darwin Owen, and James Owen, the said Rosina, Hebbard, Eliphalet Jr., Darwin & James W. being heirs at

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[6] See the sketch for Bryant Milliman.

[7] Douglas and Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 23; photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[8] Livingston Co. Deeds, 10: 644 (see detail below); *Livingston Republican*, 4 May 1831, 3. "Notice. Whereas my wife Lydia left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation, I do hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date, and do not hold or consider her as my lawful wife. Stephen Heath. Geneseo, April 26, 1831."

[9] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 7: 684.

[10] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 18: 26, 28: 376.

[11] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 37: 545; 39: 24.

[12] 1800 U.S. Census, Bethlehem, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 181.

[13] 1810 U.S. Census, Geneseo, Ontario Co., N.Y., roll 33, p. 713, as Stephen Heth.

law of Abigail Owen deceased, Stephen Heath, Asahel C. Knight & Patience his wife, John Heath, Hail Whiting Jr. and Mary his wife, Stewart Milliman and Elizabeth his wife being hairs of Stephen Heath."[14]

On 7 December 1832, William Clark and Nancy his wife, Asahel C. Knight and Patience his wife of Geneseo, Nicholas Severance and Phebe his wife, Edward Davis and Sarah his wife, Hibbard Owen of Middlebury, Genesee County, Stewart Milliman and Elizabeth his wife of Avon, Stephen Heath of Ohio, Hail Whiting and Mary his wife of Geneseo, sold to John Heath of Geneseo for one dollar 5.46 acres on the farm of Stephen Heath deceased.[15]

Children of Stephen and Anna (Milliman) Heath, most recorded at Otis, Berkshire County:[16]

i. **Elizabeth[7] Heath**, b., probably at Tyringham, 27 Dec. 1782; d. 20 Feb. 1783, recorded at Otis.[17]

ii. Twin, b. at Tyringham in 1783.[18] One of these twins could be Elizabeth.

iii. Twin, b. at Tyringham in 1783.[19]

iv. **Anna Heath**, b. 12 May 1785; d. 29 March 1869, aged 84, bur. in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Geneseo;[20] m. **William Clark**, b. in Rhode Island 17 March 1777, d. 20 June 1866, aged 89, bur. in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.[21] In 1860 at Geneseo, Wm. Clarke was aged 83, b. R.I., farmer, deaf, and Anna was 75, b. Mass.[22]

v. **Sarah Heath**, b. 14 March 1787; d. 29 Sept. 1863, bur. in Davis Cemetery, Ray Center, Macomb Co., Mich.;[23] m. (1) **Walter Marshall Davis**,[24] b. at Hubbardston, Worcester Co., Mass., 16

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[14] Livingston County Deeds, 10: 644.

[15] Livingston County Deeds, 14: 514. The names Ann and Nancy were interchangeable.

[16] *Vital Records of Otis, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1941), 32.

[17] *Vital Records of Otis*, 140.

[18] *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 38. A note in the "Home Book of Adonijah Bidwell," minister in Tyringham, says "Dec. 10, twins of Stephen Heath." It has no year, but Bidwell died in 1783 (Eloise Myers, *Tyringham, a Hinterland Settlement*, 3rd ed. [n.p.: Hinterland Press, 1989], 7).

[19] *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 38.

[20] Douglas and Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 20.

[21] Douglas and Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 20; data at *findagrave.com*.

[22] 1860 U.S. Census, Geneseo, Livingston Co., N.Y., roll 778, p. 461.

[23] Photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[24] Robert F. Eldredge, *Past and Present of Macomb County, Michigan* (Chicago: S. J. Clarke,

May 1784, son of Bela and Ruth (Rugg) Davis.[25] Sarah m. (2) ca. 1828, Rev. **Jonathan Edwards Davis**, b. at Hubbardston 1 Feb. 1788, brother of her first husband.[26] He d. 24 Dec. 1882 and was bur. in Davis Cemetery.[27] He was a Methodist Episcopal minister.[28] In 1840 at Covington, Genesee Co., N.Y., Jonathan and a female were aged 50–60, with four others in the family.[29]

vi. **Stephen Heath**, b. 10 Jan. 1789; d. at Otis 12 Jan 1792.[30]

vii. **Abigail Heath**, b. 15 Aug. 1790; d. 7 Jan. 1825, bur. at Wyoming Cemetery, Wyoming, Wyoming Co., N.Y.;[31] m. 25 Aug. 1808, **Eliphalet Owen**, b. at Windham, Windham Co., Conn., 9 May 1784, son of Frederick and Margaret (Hibbard) Owen.[32] He d. at Middlebury, Wyoming Co., 25[33] or 26 Oct. 1856, and was bur. with Abigail.[34] Eliphalet m. (2) in 1825, Clarissa Hayden,[35] b. 6 Aug. 1784, dau. of Levi and Margaret (Strong) Hayden.[36] Clarissa d. 8 Dec. 1858, and was bur. in Wyoming Cemetery.[37]

viii. **Phebe Heath**, b. 30 March 1792; d., probably at Castile, Wyoming Co.,[38] 3 Nov. 1862, aged 71; bur. in Hope Cemetery, Perry, Wyoming Co.;[39] m. **Nicholas Severance**, b. in Vermont ca. 1795,[40] d. 4 July

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1905), 167, mentions Sarah's first marriage to Marshall Davis.

[25] *Vital Records of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1907), 35; Ellen R. Rugg, *The Descendants of John Rugg* (N.Y.: F. H. Hitchcock, 1911), 400.

[26] *Vital Records of Hubbardston*, 34; Rugg, *John Rugg*, 400.

[27] Photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[28] Eldredge, *Past and Present of Macomb County*, 167, which has much detail on Jonathan and his family.

[29] 1840 U.S. Census, Covington, Genesee Co., N.Y., roll 286, p. 321.

[30] *Vital Records of Otis*, 140.

[31] Photograph at *findagrave.com*, as wife of E. Owen, with birth and death dates.

[32] Ralph Dornfeld Owen, *Descendants of John Owen of Windsor, Connecticut* (Philadelphia: the author, 1941), 167–69, which see for much detail, information supplied by his grandson.

[33] Owen, *John Owen*, 167.

[34] Photograph at *findagrave.com*, called "Dea. Eliphalet Owen, Pioneer of Town and Church."

[35] Owen, *John Owen*, 167.

[36] Owen, *John Owen*, 169.

[37] Photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[38] Aged 67 in the 1860 U.S. Census at Castile, Wyoming Co., N.Y., roll 884, p. 379.

[39] Photograph of her gravestone in possession of the author; Giorgi, *William Heath of Roxbury*, 67, says 1863.

[40] Aged 55, hotelkeeper, b. Vt., in the 1850 U.S. Census, Castile, Wyoming Co., N.Y.,

1864, aged 67, and was bur. in Hope Cemetery.[41] Nicholas left a will, dated 20 May 1864, in which he mentioned wife Anna.[42] On 5 Feb. 1867 his executors, Henry O. Brown and Walter Gillespie, sought license to sell his real estate.[43] Nicholas settled on lot #15 at Eagle, Wyoming Co., in 1817 but moved to Castile "where he kept tavern for a long time."[44]

ix. **Stephen Heath**, b. 7 Dec. 1793; d. at Milan, Allen Co., Ind., Aug. 1863;[45] m. (1) ca. 1821, **Hannah Gillette**, b. in New York ca. 1799[46] and d., probably at Milan, by 1856. Stephen m. (2) at Fort Wayne, Allen Co., 16 Oct. 1856, **Charlotte (Half? or Haffe?) Heath**,[47] b. in New York[48] 25 Jan. 1808, d., probably at Milan, 30 Dec. 1862, and bur. with her first husband.[49] She had m. (1) Stephen's brother John Heath.[50] Stephen Heath "settled on the Ridge Road" at Milan in the late 1830s.[51] In 1860 at Milan, Stephen Heath was 66, a farmer b. Mass., with Charlotte, 62, b. N.Y., and six children, all b. Ind.[52]

x. **Patience Heath**, b. 8 March 1796; d. 11 Jan. 1872, bur. in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Geneseo;[53] m. 21 Feb. 1821, **Asahel Clark**

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roll 616, p. 174; aged 65, b. N.Y., in the 1860 U.S. Census at Castile, Wyoming Co., N.Y., roll 884, p. 379.

[41] Photograph of his gravestone in possession of the author.

[42] Wyoming County Probate, Wills, 6: 17–27, research by Jane McPherson.

[43] *Albany Evening Journal*, 15 March 1867, 4, viewed at *GenealogyBank.com* 17 Sept. 2011.

[44] A. P. Chapin, *History of Wyoming County, N.Y.* (N.Y.: F.W. Beers, 1880), 183.

[45] An obituary dated 18 Aug. 1863, in Allen County (Indiana) Public Library Genealogy Center at *http://www.genealogycenter.info/results_obits1900.php*.

[46] 1850 U.S. Census, Milan, Allen Co., Ind., roll 135, p. 201, where Hannah was aged 51, b. N.Y.

[47] Indiana Marriages, 1780–1992, database online at *FamilySearch.org*, her name spelled "Charlotta Heath," from FHL 2,111,267. Charlotte's surname on the death certificate of her son Stephen, looked like "Half," but it is possible that it is a misspelling of Heath. On the other hand, a third person on John and Charlotte's gravestone was Rhoda Haffe, b. 15 Oct. 1819, d. 9 Oct. 1838 (gravestone reading by Charles Benjamin).

[48] 1850 U.S. Census, Milan, Allen Co., Ind., roll 195, p. 202.

[49] Gravestone reading by Charles Benjamin at Bowers Cemetery, Ft. Wayne, Ind..

[50] Guardianship record of William Milliman for children of John and Charlotte Heath, Allen Co., Ind., October 1864 term (Allen County Probate, Order Book J:595 and Box 294).

[51] B. J. Griswold, *The Pictorial History of Fort Wayne, Indiana* (Chicago: Robert O. Law, 1917), 637.

[52] 1860 U.S. Census, Milan, Allen Co., Ind., roll 243, p. 393.

[53] Photograph of the gravestone at *findagrave.com*, barely legible. Douglas and Yates,

Knight,[54] b. at Monson, Hampshire [now Hampden] Co., Mass., 29 Aug. 1797, son of Ashur and Martha Cordelia (Clark) Knight.[55] He d. 24 Aug. 1863 and was bur. in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.[56]

xi. **John Heath**, b. 5 May 1799; d. at Milan 20 Jan. 1853; bur. in Bowers Cemetery there;[57] m. ca. 1838, **Charlotte**[58] **Half?** or **Haffe?** She married (2) John Heath's brother Stephen Heath. See his entry above.

xii. **Mary Heath**, b. 2 Oct. 1801; m. ca. 1823, **Hail Whiting Jr.**[59] In 1830 at Geneseo, Hale Whiting, Sen., was age 50–60, and Hale Whiting Jr., and a female were aged 20–30 with three males under 10.[60] In 1837 a Hail Whiting was living at Comstock, Kalamazoo Co., Mich.,[61] and in 1850 Hail Whiting, aged 78, b. R.I., was living in a hotel run by the family of David Whiting at Perry, Wyoming Co., N.Y.[62] The elder Haile Whiting, born Warren, R.I., 12 Nov. 1771, was the son of Whitfield and Rachel (Haile) Whiting.[63] This

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"Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 24, erroneously gives her husband's death date and does not include him.

[54] Helen C. Cooper, *Descendants of Richard Knight through his Son David Knight and Sarah Rogers*, Vol. 3 (Kelowna, B.C.: the author, 1998), 172; see also *Biographical Review . . . Leading Citizens of Livingston and Wyoming Counties, New York* (Boston: Biographical Review Publishing Co., 1895), 377.

[55] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume II: Records of Hampden County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), from Monson Vital Records, 1B: 78 (birth), Record of Births and Deaths, 87 (parents' marriage).

[56] Photograph of his broken gravestone at *findagrave.com*, the date legible. However, he is not listed with Patience in Douglas and Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 24, although her death date there is that of Asahel.

[57] A modern monument in the Bowers Cemetery has a plaque about John Heath. See *http://www.graveaddiction.com/bowersfw.html*, which says, "Bowers Cemetery is located at the intersection of Stellhorn Road and Wheelock Road in Fort Wayne, Indiana (Allen County). The coordinates are 41° 7' 12" N, 85° 1' 19" W . . . located at the site of the old Bowers Chapel."

[58] 1850 U.S. Census, Milan, Allen Co., Ind., roll 195, p. 202, their eldest child, Maria, aged 11.

[59] Livingston County Deeds, 10: 644; 14: 514, abstracted above.

[60] 1830 U.S. Census, Geneseo, Livingston Co., N.Y., roll 93, p. 13.

[61] *All Michigan Census, 1827–70*, database online at *Ancestry.com*. This may have been compiled from newspapers, as on 15 April 1837 Hail Whiting had a letter waiting for him at the post office in Comstock (*Kalamazoo Gazette*, 15 April 1837 and later issues).

[62] 1850 U.S. Census, Perry, Wyoming Co., N.Y., roll 617, p. 267.

[63] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912) 6 (Warren): 95 (birth); Gregory C. Schwarz, *Genealogy of the William Whiting Family, 1724–1936* (Lebanon, N.H.: Lebanon Graphics, 1978), 13–15, 17.

was Rev. Hail Whiting who d. 14 June 1865, aged 92 years 7 months 28 days, and is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Litchfield, Hillsdale Co., Mich.[64] He m. Ashford, Conn., 7 Nov. 1793 Abigail Morey,[65] d. 18 Sept 1829, bur.in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Geneseo.[66] They would be the parents of Mary's husband.

xiii. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Heath**, b. 27 June 1803; d., probably at Wheatfield, Niagara Co., N.Y., "at the home of W. N. Nash" 28 March 1879, aged 75 years 9 months 17 days [*sic*];[67] m. at Avon, Livingston Co., 27 June 1832, **Thomas Stewart Milliman**,[68] b. in Massachusetts ca. 24 May 1801, son of Abiram and Elizabeth (Park) Milliman. He d. in Niagara Co. 30 April 1864, aged 62 years 11 months 6 days, and was bur. in the Lockport Road Cemetery at Wheatfield.[69] In 1850 at Wheatfield, Stewart Milliman was 49, Elisabeth 47, with three children.[70] In 1870 Elizabeth Milliman, aged 67, was living at Wheatfield.[71]

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[64] *Findagrave.com*, no photo, information presumably added from the gravestone.

[65] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Ashford Vital Records, 4: 278, his name spelled "Hale."

[66] Photograph at *findagrave.com*, Abigail (Morey), wife of Rev. Hail Whiting. Douglas and Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 26, does not have her maiden name but does say "wife Rev. Hail."

[67] Letter to Norma Brase 7 Oct. 1982 from I. Richard Reed, from the card file index, Niagara County Department of History, from the *Lockport Daily Journal*, 3 April 1879.

[68] Ibid.

[69] Cemetery reading by Norma Brase, says 30 April 1861, but probate records say he died on or about the 30th of April 1864 (Niagara County Probate, Box M6 [FHL 727,024]). See the sketch for Abiram's father Bryant Milliman.

[70] 1850 U.S. Census, Wheatfield, Niagara Co., N.Y., roll 560, p. 166.

[71] 1870 U.S. Census, Wheatfield, Niagara Co., N.Y., roll 1055, p. 586.

Hines, Richard

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Buckland, Hampshire County[1]

By Patricia Hines Bravender

Richard Hines died, probably at Colrain, Franklin County, Massachusetts,[2] in the quarter ending 30 June 1820.[3] He appears to have been the immigrant founder of his family line in the United States. No record has been found that links him with any other Hinds or Hines family in the colonies prior to the Revolutionary War, and there is no definitive record of his arrival in America.[4] Richard's great-grandson, James Madison Hines (1883–1961[5]), wrote that Richard was born near Dublin, Ireland, and came to the colonies in 1775[6]; however, this has not been documented.

Richard married, apparently by 1787, **Elizabeth** ___.[7]

Richard enlisted as a private in the 2nd Rhode Island Regiment on 28 March 1777, to serve until 1 December 1777, under Captain Sylvanus Shaw in Col. Israel Angell's Regiment, and then for the remainder

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Buckland, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 125.

2 Revolutionary War Pension file, Richard Hines, S32,834. According to a letter from his son, Abraham, dated at Huntington, Lorain Co., Ohio, on 6 Nov. 1850, he died about 1820, but one paper in the file says the last payment was on 4 March 1819.

3 Final Payment Voucher, online at *Fold3.com* (formerly *Footnote.com*), the final payment made in the "2 qr 1820 – last."

4 A man identified as "Richard Hind" was sentenced for transportation to the colonies from England in November 1762, but this may not be the same man (Peter Wilson Coldham, *English Convicts in Colonial America: Vol. I, Middlesex: 1617–1775* [New Orleans, La.: Polyanthos, 1974], 131).

5 Ionia Co., Mich., birth certificate, local file J 279-28416 (1883); Kent Co., Mich., death certificate, state file 86057 (1961).

6 James Madison Hines, unpublished manuscript in possession of the author.

7 Named in the letter from Richard's son in his pension file.

of the war in Capt. Stephen Olney's Company in the same regiment.[8] This regiment was stationed at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777–78.[9] Company pay roll records show that Richard was sick and absent during January but was with his regiment from February through April 1778 at Valley Forge.[10] According to his pension file, he served with this regiment until September 1778, when he was honorably discharged because he had contracted smallpox while in the service.[11]

On 25 October 1780 at Camp Totoway, a Richard Hines of Buckland, Massachusetts, was on a list of men recruited for six months.[12] However, Richard does not mention this service in his pension application. He was enumerated alone in the 1790 census at Buckland; the whereabouts of his wife and three-year-old son, Abraham, are unknown. He is not found in any other censuses.

He was living at Colrain on 23 April 1818, when he applied for a pension under the Act of 1818.[13] In a declaration written on that date he said that he was "wholly destitute of property" and "for seven years past have been supported as ward of the poor of the State of Massachusetts."[14] This is confirmed by the Colrain pauper accounts that were reported to the State of Massachusetts. Between May 1812 and May 1819 Colrain reported that it had expended funds for board, clothing and eventually nursing of Richard Hines.[15] A woman named Rachel Hines appears several times in connection with Richard in these pauper accounts but in no other context. Her relationship to Richard is unknown.

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[8] Revolutionary War Service Records, online at *Fold3.com* (formerly *Footnote.com*).

[9] Joseph L. Boyle, *Death Seem'd to Stare: The New Hampshire and Rhode Island Regiments at Valley Forge* (Baltimore, Md.: Clearfield Co., 2005), vii–xv.

[10] Revolutionary War Service Records, online at *Fold3.com* (formerly *Footnote.com*).

[11] Revolutionary War Pension file, Richard Hines.

[12] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 7: 942.

[13] Revolutionary War Pension file, Richard Hines.

[14] Revolutionary War Pension file, Richard Hines.

[15] Massachusetts General Court, *Resolves, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . Beginning 26th May, 1812, and Ending on the 2d March, 1815*, 544; Massachusetts General Court. *Resolves . . . commenced on Wednesday, the Twenty-Ninth Day of May, and Ended on the Twentieth of June, 1816*, 544; Massachusetts General Court, *Resolves of the General Court . . . commenced on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, and ended on the 13th of June, 1818*, 644; Massachusetts General Court, *Resolves . . . commenced on Wednesday, the 15th Day of January, and Ended on Saturday, the 20th Day of February, 1819*, 71. In the 1820 report, the town of Colrain reported supporting "sundry paupers" and did not list any by name.

Little is known about Elizabeth. She was not enumerated with Richard in the 1790 census in Massachusetts and is not listed in any subsequent censuses. Her son, Abraham Woodward Hines, lived in Rutland County, Vermont, during the first two decades of the nineteenth century;[16] Elizabeth may have lived with or near him. On 16 October 1802 a woman named Elizabeth Hinds was warned out of Shrewsbury, Rutland County.[17] Abraham Woodward Hinds sold ten acres to Elisabeth Hinds at Hubbardton, Rutland County, on 8 January 1813,[18] and a Betsy Hinds was warned out of Hubbardton just nine months later, on 23 September 1813.[19] Three years later, on 1 August 1816, Betsy Hinds was warned out of Mt. Holly, Rutland County.[20] Abraham stated in his letter to the United States pension office in 1850 that his mother survived "until a few years since," so it appears she died in the decade prior to 1850.[21]

Child of Richard and Elizabeth (___) Hines:

i. **Abraham Woodward Hines**, b. in Vermont[22] or in Pennsylvania,[23] ca. 1787;[24] d. in Berlin Twp., Ionia Co., Mich. 22 May 1873;[25] m.

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[16] 1820 U.S. Census, Hubbardton, Rutland Co., Vt., roll 126, p. 205, no female over 45 with him.

[17] Shrewsbury, Rutland, Vt., Town Proceedings, Vol. 2 (1795–1835) [FHL 1,004,081], 47; Alden M. Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Out 1779–1817, Vol. 2: Southern Vermont* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1995, 1997), 117.

[18] Hubbardton Deeds, 2: 378.

[19] Hubbardton Deeds, 3: 402, repeated at 406; Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Out, Volume Two*, 74.

[20] Mt. Holly Vital Records, 1792–1829 [FHL 0028521], 1: 245; Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Out, Volume Two*, 91.

[21] Revolutionary War Pension file, Richard Hines.

[22] James Madison Hines unpublished manuscript, where he stated: "My grandfather Hines was born somewhere in Vermont and fought in the War of 1812"; 1880 U.S. Census, Pittsfield, Lorain Co., Ohio, roll 1042, p. 546C, Abram Hines gave his father's place of birth as "Vt"; 1920 U.S. Census, Berlin, Ionia Co, Mich., roll 650, p. 2A, Richard Hines gave his father's place of birth as "Vermont."

[23] 1870 U.S. Census, Berlin, Ionia Co., Mich., roll 676, p. 338, lists Abraham Hines, aged 83, born in Penn., in the family of Charles Hines, aged 29, born Ohio, but the birthplace is probably not correct.

[24] War of 1812 Pension File, Abraham W. Hinds, No. 15085. This file contains three declarations that were filed over a period of years. All three confirm the year of his birth as about 1787 based on his age at the time he signed the declarations.

[25] Ionia County Clerk, Ionia, Mich., Ionia County Death Ledger, p. 30, Record 1582; Michigan Deaths, 1867–1897, image online at *FamilySearch.org*, from FHL 2,363,828. But this says he was aged 91, so born ca. 1782.

(1) at Shrewsbury, Rutland Co. 5 Aug 1805, **Hope Titus**;[26] m. (2) at Conway, Franklin Co., ca. 15 July 1821,[27] **Amanda Davis**, b. at Conway 28 March 1803, dau. of Samuel and Saloma (Barden[28]) Davis.[29] Amanda d. in Ohio in 1845;[30] m. (3) in Geauga Co., Ohio 28 Nov. 1849,[31] **Ruth Ann (___) Brainard**, b. in Vermont ca. 1791–94 and d. in Ionia Co. after 1880.[32] Abraham W. Hines, who served in the 31st Regiment, U.S. Infantry during the War of 1812, was granted land in Eaton Co., Mich.[33] In 1840 Abraham W. Hines was enumerated at Troy, Geauga Co.[34] Not found in 1850; apparently he separated from his third wife, as in 1860 Ruth A. Hinds was living alone, aged 61 [*sic*], at Boston, Ionia Co.,[35] and in 1870 Ruth A. Hines was 76, living with Willis Hines, aged 30, and his family, at Berlin, Ionia Co. Abraham was living separately, also in Berlin.[36]

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[26] Vermont State Vital Records.

[27] *Vital Records of Conway, Massachusetts, to the year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1943), 159, marriage intentions, Abraham of "Sutsbury," Vt.

[28] William A. Bardeen, *The Barden Bardeen genealogy: a Revision of "The Barden Genealogy," a Manuscript (1958) by Leon R. Brown of Rochester, New York* (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 1993), 49.

[29] *Vital Records of Conway*, 39.

[30] James Madison Hines, unpublished manuscript.

[31] Geauga County, Marriage Ledger, D: 278.

[32] Ionia County Poor House, 1880 U.S. Census, Ronald Twp., Ionia Co., Mich., roll 583, E.D. 89, p. 20D, aged 89 [*sic*, but unlikely], her parents born in Ireland.

[33] "Some Military Land Grants In Michigan For Soldiers Of The War Of 1812," online at *http://files.usgwarchives.net/mi/statewide/military/uarof1812/other/somemili157gmt.txt*.

[34] 1840 U.S. Census, Troy, Geauga Co., Ohio, roll 395, p. 99.

[35] 1860 U.S. Census, Boston, Ionia Co., Mich., roll 546, p. 820.

[36] 1870 U.S. Census, Berlin, Ionia Co., Mich., roll 546, p. 349 (Ruth). See above for Abraham.

Holton, John
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Northfield, Hampshire County[1]

By Joan A. Hunter

John[5] **Holton** was born at Northfield, Hampshire County, on 22 October 1747, son of John and Mehitable (Alexander) Holton.[2] He died on 22 March 1825, aged 78, and was buried in the Center Cemetery at Northfield.[3]

John married about 1778, **Hannah**[6] **Sheldon**.[4] She was baptized at Bernardston, Hampshire County, on 16 October 1757, daughter of Captain Amasa[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *John*[3], *Isaac*[2–1]) and Sarah (Bardwell) Sheldon.[5] Hannah died 17 January 1841 and is buried next to John.[6] Hannah (Sheldon) Holton married, 2nd, at Northfield 23 May 1832, Ezekiel Webster.[7] He was born at Northfield on 1 April 1757[8] or in Glastonbury, Connecticut,[9] son of Stephen and Rebecca (Williams) Webster.[10] Ezekiel died on 9 February 1839, aged 82, and was buried in the Center Cemetery.[11]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Wendell, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 409.

2 Northfield, Mass., Town Clerk, "Northfield Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Society Certificates, Book B, 1718–1857, Town of Northfield," 33 (birth), vol. 2, 1717–1771, 5 (parents' marriage).

3 Center Cemetery, Northfield, Mass., John Holton gravestone, viewed Oct. 2002.

4 J. H. Temple and George Sheldon, *History of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1875), 462.

5 Lucy Cutler Kellogg, *History of the Town of Bernardston, Franklin County, Massachusetts, 1736–1900, with Genealogies* (1902; repr., Salem, Mass.: Higginson Book Co., 2000), 489–90.

6 Center Cemetery, Northfield, Mass., Hannah Holton gravestone, viewed Oct. 2002.

7 "Northfield Book B," 194.

8 "Northfield Book B," 99.

9 William H. Webster and Melville R. Webster, *History and Genealogy of the Gov. John Webster Family of Connecticut*, 2 vols. (Rochester, N.Y.: E. R. Andrews Printing Co., 1915), 1: 94, 214. Ezekiel's birth was not found in the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records.

10 Webster, *Gov. John Webster Family*, 1: 94, 214.

11 Center Cemetery, Northfield, Mass., Ezekiel Webster gravestone, viewed Oct. 2002.

John Holton was a corporal in Captain Eldad Wright's Northfield minuteman company, which marched to Cambridge in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775. He was in Cambridge for twenty-three days and enlisted for another three months.[12] John also served in Captain Samuel Merriman's company under General Gates from 22 September to 18 October 1777. This company—and presumably John—saw action on 7 October and was present for General Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga on 17 October.[13]

John returned to Northfield, where he lived for the rest of his life. He signed his will on 27 June 1815 naming his "Beloved Wife Hannah Holton"; sons Ora, Horas [*sic*], Henry, Lucius, Elias, John Jr., and Rufus; and his three daughters "Isable, Electa & Betsey," and it was proved on 21 June 1825.[14] In 1830 Hannah *may* have been the one female between 70–80 in son "Ori" Holton's household.[15]

Children of John and Hannah (Sheldon) Holton, born at Northfield:[16]

i. **Horace[6] Holton**, b. 18 May 1780; d. at Northfield 22 April 1858;[17] m. there 7 Feb. 1803,[18] **Polly Dickinson**, bp. at Northfield 21 Jan. 1781, dau. of Benoni and Phebe (Marsh) Dickinson.[19] Polly d. at Northfield 3 June 1879.[20]

ii. **Ora Holton**, b. 14 July 1782; d. at Greenfield, Franklin Co., Mass., 10 May 1850;[21] m., intentions at Northfield 29 Nov. 1804, **Martha Hardwick**,[22] b. ca. 1783, d. at Greenfield 19 March 1850, aged 67.[23]

iii. **Rufus Holton,** b. 12 Oct. 1783; d. 22 Aug. 1815.[24]

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[12] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War,* 17 vols. (Boston, Mass.: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 8: 199–200; Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 323–324.

[13] Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 331.

[14] Franklin County Probate, John Holton File, Docket 2492.

[15] 1830 U.S. Census, Northfield, Franklin Co., Mass., roll 62, p. 169.

[16] "Northfield Book B," 102, Horace called "Harris."

[17] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 120: 204.

[18] Northfield, Mass., Northfield Marriages, 1799–1829 (FHL 0,954,370, item 2), 4.

[19] "Northfield Church Records," 12. Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 431.

[20] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 310: 312, father named as Benoni Dickinson.

[21] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 48: 162.

[22] "Northfield Book B," 216.

[23] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 48: 162.

[24] "Northfield Book B," 102.

iv. **Henry Holton**, b. 15 April 1788; perhaps d. at Akron, Summit Co., Ohio, after 1840;[25] m. at Northfield 3 Feb. 1814, his stepsister **Susa Webster**,[26] b. at Northfield 6 Aug. 1792, dau. of Ezekiel and Lois (Norton) Webster.[27] Susa d. at Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., 5 April 1867.[28]

v. **Lucius Holton**, b. 24 Nov. 1789; d. at Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass., 20 Sept. 1872;[29] m. at Vernon, Windham Co., Vt., 1 Jan. 1818,[30] **Lucinda Parmenter**, b. at Gill, Hampshire Co. [now in Franklin Co., Mass.], 22 Aug. 1795, dau. of Josiah and Hannah (Childs) Parmenter.[31] Lucinda d. at Northfield 2 Sept. 1847.[32]

vi. **Elias Holton**, b. 16 Dec. 1790; d. at Northfield 5 June 1868;[33] m. there 4 July 1822, **Fanny Mattoon**,[34] b. at Northfield 5 Dec. 1800, dau. of Samuel and Ruth (Wright) Mattoon.[35] Fanny d. at Northfield 25 Feb. 1879.[36]

vii. **John Holton**, b. 22 May 1792; d. at or near South Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Vt.,[37] 19 March 1871;[38] m. (1) 4 March 1819, **Elizabeth Priest**,[39] said to have been b. at Princeton, Worcester

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[25] 1840 U.S. Census, South Akron, Summit Co., Ohio, roll 428, p. 372, the last census in which Henry was found.

[26] "Northfield Book B," 229, married by Thomas Mason.

[27] "Northfield Book B," 99; Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 562.

[28] Harriet Scofield, ed., "Genealogy of the Descendants in America of William Holton (1610–1691) of Hartford, Conn., and Northampton, Mass.," based on hired research, family letters, personal recollections, and the notes and research of Edward Payson Holton and David Parsons Holton, typescript, 1935–45 [FHL microfilm 875,146 Item 6], 85.

[29] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 24: 414.

[30] Joan A. Hunter, "Vernon, Vt., Marriages, 1797–1849," *Vermont Genealogy* 9 [2004]: 88.

[31] *Vital Records of Gill, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 29. Hampshire County (now Franklin) Deed Book 19, 315 connects Hannah to her parents, Timothy and Mary (Wells) Childs.

[32] "Deaths," *Barre [Vt.] Patriot*, 17 Sept. 1847, 3.

[33] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 211: 282.

[34] "Northfield Book B," 234.

[35] "Northfield Book B," 137; Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 493.

[36] "Deaths," *Barre [Vt.] Patriot*, 17 Sept. 1847, 3.
Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 310: 312.

[37] George E. Foster, *Priest Family* (Ithaca, N.Y.: West Hill Press, 1900), 264.

[38] "Genealogy of Descendants of William Holton," 52.

[39] "Northfield Book B," 230, married by John Nevers, J.P.

Co.,[40] dau. of Nathan and Mary (Bacon) Priest.[41] Elizabeth d. at Shaftsbury 23 Aug. 1857, aged 56, and was bur. there in N. Bennington Cemetery.[42] John m. (2) at Shaftsbury 15 June 1858, **Catherine Hulet**,[43] b. in New Jersey ca. 1810[44] and d. after John.[45]

viii. **Isabel Holton**, b. 16 Oct. 1794; d. at Northfield 30 Sept. 1818;[46] m. there 23 July 1817,[47] **King Harris**, b. ca. 1789, d. at Northfield 19 Oct. 1829, aged about 40.[48] He m. (2) at Northfield 21 Jan. 1823, Abby (or Nabby) Lord,[49] b. at Northfield 7 June 1803, dau. of Thomas and Desire (Ward) Lord.[50]

ix. **Electa Holton**, b. 2 July 1798; d. 23 March 1821.[51]

x. **Betsey Holton**, b. 22 Aug. 1803; d. 29 March 1822.[52]

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[40] Foster, *Priest Family*, 242, 244. "Genealogy of the Descendants in America of William Holton (1610–1691) of Hartford, Conn., and Northampton, Mass.," second edition, typescript, original retyped by Dorothy Wood Evers and includes the Additions and Corrections appended to the end of each chapter in the first edition (Crete, Ill., 1966), copy in possession of the author, 52, says she was born at Royalston, Mass., and perhaps married at Princeton, but neither is found in *Vital Records of Royalston, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: F. P. Rice, 1906) or *Vital Records of Princeton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year, 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: F. P. Rice, 1902).

[41] "Genealogy of Descendants of William Holton," 2nd ed., 52.

[42] Vermont State Vital Records.

[43] Vermont State Vital Records.

[44] 1860 U.S. Census, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Vt., roll 1316, p. 1002.

[45] "Genealogy of Descendants of William Holton," 2nd ed., 52.

[46] "Northfield Book B," 166.

[47] "Northfield Book B," 229.

[48] "Northfield Book B," 166.

[49] "Northfield Book B," 234.

[50] Temple and Sheldon, *History of Northfield*, 484, names her mother as Desire Ward.

[51] "Northfield Book B," 102.

[52] "Northfield Book B," 102.

Howard, Daniel

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Greenwich, Hampshire County[1]

By Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG

Daniel Howard or **Hayward** was baptized at Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 16 November 1740, son of Timothy and Jael (Peterson) Hayward,.[2] He died at Greenwich 11 May 1793, in his 52nd year (he was probably already 52), and was buried in the Church Cemetery at Enfield, Hampshire County.[3]

Daniel Hayward married at Bridgewater 14 August 1761, **Abigail Davenport**.[4] She was born about 1741, daughter of Richard and

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 233.

[2] *Vital Records of East Bridgewater* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 64, as son of Timothy; East Bridgewater was formed from Bridgewater in 1823. William Bradford Browne, "The Peterson Family of Duxbury, Mass.," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 70 [1916]: 163–64, assumes he was the son of Timothy's second wife, Jael Peterson, while Nahum Mitchell, *History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater* (Boston: Kidder & Wright, 1840), 179, thinks he was the son of the first wife, Mary Reed. In more modern works, Ann Borden Harding, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Three, George Soule* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1980), 108, treats Daniel as son of Mary (Davis) (Reed) Hayward, while Esther Littleford Woodworth-Barnes, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 16, Part 1, John Alden* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1999), 349, lists him as son of Jael (Peterson) Hayward. Given that Timothy and Jael's son Ezra, born and baptized in 1739, was specifically called son of Jael in *Vital Records of East Bridgewater*, 64, and given Daniel's age at death, it is certain that he was Jael's son.

[3] Massachusetts Cemetery Records, Quabbin Park, 1741–1984 (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1985), 1: 48, lot #251. Enfield was formed from Greenwich and Belchertown in 1815 and now lies under the Quabbin Reservoir. Cemetery remains were moved to Quabbin Park at Ware, Mass.

[4] *Vital Records of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1916), 2: 105; *Vital Records of East Bridgewater*, 193, from Nahum Mitchell's copy of East Bridgewater First Church records, which says only 1761.

Susanna (Snell) Davenport of Bridgewater.[5] Abigail died on 24 October 1795 and was buried with Daniel and their son Jairus and his wife.[6]

On 3 April 1784 Daniel Howard of Bridgewater purchased the 150-acre farm of James and Mary McClure, lying on the west branch of the Swift River at Greenwich.[7]

Daniel Howard of Greenwich made his will on 29 April 1793, naming wife Abigail and children Olive Fobes, Lydia Cutler, and Jairus Howard. The will was proved on 6 August 1793.[8]

On 20 October 1793 Dudley Cutler and wife Lydia, "one of the daughters and heirs at law of Daniel Howard, late of Greenwich, yeoman," with Joseph Fobes of Greenwich and Olive his wife, another daughter, sold to Jairus Howard of Greenwich their right to land "which our father possessed" at Greenwich and Belchertown, Hampshire County. Jairus Howard then quitclaimed on thirty-five acres to Dudley and Lydia Cutler.[9]

Children of Daniel and Abigail (Davenport) Howard:

i. **Olive Howard**, b. say 1762; m. at Bridgewater 24 Nov. 1780, **Joseph Fobes**,[10] b. at Easton, Bristol Co., Mass., 7 May 1759, son of Joseph and Hannah (Blanchard) Fobes.[11] He made his will on 28 Aug. 1801 and it was proved 6 July 1802.[12] She was probably the Mrs. Fobes annotated as "Olive" on a list of members of the

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[5] Plymouth County Probate, 29: 522, the will of Richard Davenport of Bridgewater, dated 2 July 1785, which named, among others, daughter Abigail Hayward; Mitchell, *Bridgewater*, 145, 182, which says they went to "Greenwich (now Enfield)." The notation that they went to Greenwich may be from East Bridgewater First Church records. Some entries on the Internet say she was the dau. of William and Sarah (Richards) Davenport, born at Bridgewater 21 November 1730 and baptized at East Bridgewater 21 March 1730/31 (*Vital Records of Bridgewater*, 1: 89; *Vital Records of East Bridgewater*, 44), but unless her age on her gravestone is wrong, that Abigail was about ten years too old and twelve years older than Daniel.

[6] Quabbin Park Cemetery, 1: 48, lot 251, "Mrs. Abigail, widow of Mr. Daniel Howard . . . in the 55th year of her age."

[7] Hampshire County Deeds, 2:42, recorded 10 Nov. 1787.

[8] Hampshire County Probate, 18: 196.

[9] Hampshire Co. Deeds, 13: 521, 522.

[10] *Vital Records of Bridgewater*, 2: 134, Joseph of Easton; *Vital Records of East Bridgewater*, 205, intentions in 1780, from Mitchell's copy of East Bridgewater First Church records.

[11] "Easton Vital Records," *The Mayflower Descendant* 52 [2003]: 55 (birth), 46 [1996]: 180 (parents' marriage).

[12] Hampshire County Probate, 22: 93.

Greenwich church beginning in 1830.[13] See the sketch for Joseph Fobes.

ii. **Jairus Howard**, b. ca. 1764; d. 23 June 1828, aged 64, bur. in Church Cemetery, Enfield;[14] m. (1) after 12 June 1783,[15] **Alice Cutler**, b. at Greenwich 23 Nov 1768,[16] dau. of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth (Fiske) Cutler.[17] Alice d. 29 June 1811 and was bur. with Jairus.[18] Jairus m. (2) at Palmer, Hampden Co., Mass., 5 June 1812, **Elinor (Robinson) Converse**,[19] dau. of James Robinson and widow of Jacob Converse of Palmer.[20] She m. (3) at Enfield 30 Nov. 1836, Deacon Aaron Woods.[21]

iii. **Lydia Howard**, b. at Bridgewater ca. 12 Dec. 1765,[22] bp. and adm. Church of Christ, Greenwich, 28 Aug. 1795;[23] d. at Greenwich 9 May 1845,[24] bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery at Greenwich;[25] m. at Greenwich 13 Sept. 1787, **Dudley Cutler**,[26] b. at Epping,

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[13] Church of Christ in Greenwich, Mass., Records, 1760–1832 (Family History Library film 1,871,030, item 1), 2: 185. The original records are in the Country Bank of Ware, Mass.

[14] Quabbin Park Cemetery, 1: 48, lot #251.

[15] Her father, Rev. Robert Cutler, called her Alice Cutler in his will made on 12 June 1783 (Hampshire County Probate, 15: 132).

[16] Nahum S. Cutler, *A Cutler Memorial and Genealogical History* (Greenfield, Mass.: E. A. Hall & Co., 1889), 53. Although without documentation, this is a very nicely compiled genealogy.

[17] Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 53.

[18] Quabbin Park Cemetery, 1: 48, lot #251, in her 42nd or 43rd year (hard to read).

[19] *Vital Records of Palmer, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1905), 139, which says "Jairus" in the intentions and "James" from the marriage record; Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 112, intentions 17 May 1812.

[20] Charles Allen Converse, *Some of the Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Converse, Jr.* (Boston: Eben Putnam, 1905), 106–7.

[21] Converse, *Samuel Converse*, 107, says Dea. Woods; Vital Records of Enfield, 2: 17.

[22] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 222: 287. This is the death record of son Robert, which says his mother was born at Bridgewater. The date is from her age at death.

[23] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 96. baptized as wife of Dudley.

[24] Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 174, 198. Aged 79 years 4 months 27 days, related to Dudley Cutler; Church of Christ in Greenwich, Massachusetts, 1832–1854 (Family History Library film 1,871,030, item 2), 80, "May 9. Mrs. ___ Cutler aged ___."

[25] Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 47, lot 376, wife of Dudley Cutler.

[26] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Records 1760–1832, 83; Massachusetts DAR, "Greenwich Vital Records," 35.

Rockingham Co., N.H., 1 July 1752, son of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth (Fiske) Cutler.[27] Dudley d. at Greenwich 17 June 1840[28] and was bur. in Greenwich Plains Cemetery.[29] See the sketch for Dudley Cutler.

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[27] New Hampshire Town Record Series, Epping, 1:558, the date said to be Old Style, thus 12 July 1752 New Style; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 52, 89; Lucius R. Paige, *History of Hardwick, Massachusetts, with a Genealogical Register* (Boston: Houghton & Mifflin, 1883), 357. Dudley's father named him in his will dated 12 June 1783 (Hampshire County Probate, 15: 132).

[28] Church of Christ at Greenwich, Mass., 1832–1854, 74, "June 17 Departed this life Mr Dudley Cutler aged 87"; Cutler, *Cutler Memorial*, 52, 89; Paige, *History of Hardwick*, 357. This book says he died in 1838. One of these sources says 17 Jan. 1840, but his gravestone was read as June, and his age as subtracted agrees with a birth in July.

[29] Quabbin Park Cemetery, 4: 47, lot 376, aged 87 years 11 months 5 days, which yields a birth about 12 July 1752.

King, Hophni
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Northfield, Hampshire County[1]

By Joan A. Hunter

Hophni King was born, probably at Northampton, Hampshire County, after 1729 and before 1743, son of Joseph and Mary (Bridgman) King.[2] Joseph King and Mary Bridgman were married by 1730.[3] Joseph was killed on 8 October 1742 in the Southampton woods, "being mistaken for a bear in the brush."[4] While birth dates were not found for their children, all were born after April 1729, as they were under fourteen when, on 12 April 1743, widow Mary King of Cold Springs, now Belchertown, Hampshire County, was appointed guardian of Elijah King, Joseph King, and Hophni King, minors under the age of fourteen and heirs of Joseph King of Northampton.[5] "Capt. Hophni King" was aged 65 when he died at Hartford, Windsor County, Vermont,[6] probably shortly before 3 March 1807, when the inventory of his estate was taken.[7] So he was probably born about 1742.

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Northfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 119.

2 Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), ref. no. 405; Sylvester Judd, "Judd Manuscript, Northampton Genealogies, Vol. 4." The Judd ms. is at the Forbes Library in Northampton.

3 "Judd Manuscript, Northampton Genealogies," Vol. 4; Corbin, *Hampshire County*, ref. nos. 82, 405. Their son Elijah was baptized on 2 May 1731.

4 "Judd Manuscript, Northampton Genealogies," Vol. 1, 24; Corbin, *Hampshire County*, from Belchertown Vital Records, 1734–1843, ref. no. 419.

5 Hampshire County Probate, Joseph King, 1743, File Box No. 83, No. 49. Cold Spring Plantation is an old name for Belchertown.

6 *Salem Register*, Salem, Mass., 2 April 1807, 3.

7 Hartford, Vt., Probate, 3: 408 (FHL 0,029,160).

Hophni married at Northfield on 10 December 1767, **Joanna Holton**.[8] She was born at Northfield 29 August 1745, daughter of Samuel and Joanna (Morton) Holton.[9] She died, probably at Hartland, Windsor County, on 25 June 1825, aged 79, and was buried in the Cutts Cemetery there.[10] Joanna married second at Hartford on 16 September 1810,[11] as his second wife, Zebulon Lee, who was born at Willington, Tolland County, Connecticut, 23 September 1742,[12] son of Jedediah and Lucy (Dodge) Lee. He died, probably at Hartland, on 31 January 1833, aged 90, and was buried in the Cutts Cemetery there.[13]

Hophni, first noted in the Northfield records in 1763, was described as a captain, a Revolutionary War soldier, a carpenter and joiner, and "the first in town who worked by *square rule*, and was considered a very wonderful man to be able to frame a house in the woods."[14] On 17 August 1763 Hophni King was a grantee of Highgate, New Hampshire [now in Vermont], but appears not to have moved there.[15] On 15 March 1782 Hophni was chosen one of three Northfield church "Chorresters"[16] In 1792 Timothy Billings, a carpenter, was apprenticed to Captain Hophni King of Northfield.[17] In 1800 Hophni was enumerated at Hartford.[18]

When Joanna died, her death notice in the *Vermont Journal* read, "Mrs. Joana, formerly wife of Capt. Hophni King, aged 79 years,—

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[8] Northfield Church Records, Book 2, 1752–1794, 75.

[9] "Northfield Records of Births, Deaths, & Marriages, Vol. II, 1717–1771," 53; Harriet Scofield, ed., "Genealogy of the Descendants in America of William Holton (1610–1691) of Hartford, Conn., and Northampton, Mass.," typescript (1934–35), copy in possession of the author, 39.

[10] *Vermont Journal*, Windsor, Vt., 8 August 1825, 3; Vermont State Vital Records.

[11] Hartford Town Clerk, Vital Records, 2: 113 (FHL 0,028,354).

[12] Leonard Lee, *Supplement to John Lee of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., and His Descendants* (Meriden, Conn.: Lee Association, 1900), 121; Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Willington Vital Records, A: 35.

[13] Vermont State Vital Records.

[14] J. H. Temple and George Sheldon, *A History of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1875), 479.

[15] Albert Stillman Batchellor, *New Hampshire Grants: Being Transcripts of the Charters of Townships and Minor Grants of Lands Made by the Provincial Government of New Hampshire . . . also Historical and Bibliographical Notes Relative to the Towns in Vermont* (Concord, N.H.: E. N. Pearson, 1895), 222. New Hampshire claimed much of Vermont until boundaries were settled. See Edward W. Hanson, "Vermont Genealogy: A Study in Migration," *Register* 133 [1979]:3–19 at 4–5.

[16] "Northfield Church Records," 135.

[17] Harold Ward Dana, "Roger Billings and His Descendants," *Register* 93 [July 1939]: 273.

[18] 1800 U.S. Census, Hartford, Windsor Co., Vt., roll 52, p. 395.

mother of Lucy Reed, Rhoda Dewey, Asahel and Joseph King. Printers in Greenfield and Northampton, Mass. are requested to insert this."

Children of Hophni and Joanna (Holton) King, born at Northfield:[19]

i. **Asahel King**, b. 7 Feb. 1769; d. after 1820, when he was enumerated in Hartford as Asel King;[20] m. at Northfield 14 Feb. 1788, **Lydia Alexander**,[21] b. at Northfield 21 Sept. 1766, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Asubah (Wright) Alexander.[22]

ii. **Lucy King**, b. 28 May 1771; d. 31 Jan. 1775.[23]

iii. **Rhoda King**, b. 5 Jan. 1774; d. 19 Oct. 1775.[24]

iv. **Lucy King**, b. 15 Dec. 1776 or 1777;[25] m. ___ **Reed**.[26]

v. **Rhoda King**, b. 1 May 1779; m. **Abel Dewey**, b. 4 Nov. 1773.[27]

vi. **Joseph King**, b. 26 March 1785.

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[19] Northfield, Mass., Town Clerk, Northfield Births, Marriages, Deaths, Intentions, Society Certificates, Book B, 1718–1857, 81.

[20] 1820 U.S. Census, Hartford, Windsor Co., Vt., roll 128, p. 308.

[21] Northfield Church Records, 76, notes both "of Northfield." Temple, *History of Northfield*, 388, says Lydia married Ashael King of Sharon, Vt.

[22] Temple, *History of Northfield*, 388. No records were found for Ashael or Lydia King in Vermont State Vital Records to 1870.

[23] Northfield Church Records, 246.

[24] Northfield Church Records, 246

[25] The year was unclear in the original record.

[26] Some have said that Lucy "married Joseph Goodell and settled in Newfane or Brattleboro, Vt." ("Genealogy of Descendants of William Holton," 62). But Lucy Goodell, wife of Joseph, who died 17 March 1856 and was buried at South Newfane, Vt., was aged 92 (Vermont State Vital Records), thus born about 1764, too early to be the dau. of Hophni and Joanna King. That Lucy is said to be the sister of William and Ezra King of Newfane (Ephraim H. Newton, *History of the Town of Marlborough, Windham County, Vermont* [Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 1930], 174).

[27] Timothy Hopkins, *Kelloggs in the Old World and the New* (San Francisco, Calif.: Sunset Press and Photo Engraving Co., 1903), 1334. "Lawyer T. M. Dewey," *Springfield (Mass.) Republican*, 12 July 1888, 7. T. M. Dewey, "Early Navigation of the Connecticut River," *Papers and Proceedings of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society*, 1876–1881, vol. 1 (Springfield, Mass.: The Society, 1881), 118–119.

KINGSLEY, ISAIAH
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BECKET, BERKSHIRE COUNTY[1]

By Terry Chaplin

ISAIAH KINGSLEY was born at Windham, Windham County, Connecticut, on 11 June 1725, son of Amos and Ruth (Adams) Kingsley.[2] He died at Becket, on 29 December 1796,[3] in his 72nd year, and was buried in the Becket Center Cemetery.[4]

Isaiah married in Scotland Parish at Windham on 20 January 1746, **ABIGAIL PALMER**.[5] She was born at Windham on 9 January 1725, daughter of Seth and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer.[6] She died at Becket on 6 or 15 September 1777, "in her 55th year,"[7] and was buried with her husband.[8]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 117.

2 Lucy M. Kellogg, ed., *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Five, Families of Edward Winslow, John Billington* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1997), 107.

3 *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Five . . . John Billington*, 107.

4 Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

5 Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Windham Vital Records, 1: 268, which calls him "Isaac"; Scotland Parish records as in the Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records says "Isaiah."

6 Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 1: 5 (birth and parents' marriage); Emily Wilder Leavitt, *Groups of Palmer Families from Walter Palmer of Charlestown and Rehoboth, Mass., Stonington, Conn.* (Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1901), 62–63, 109.

7 *Vital Records of Becket, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1903), 94, says 6 Sept. 1777 in her 55th year. Records of the Congregational Church, Township #4, Becket, Mass., [FHL microfilm 234,563], 520, says 15 Sept. 1777, ae. 52 yrs. Cathaline Alford Archer, Mitchell J. Mulholland, and others, *A Bicentennial History of Becket, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Incorporated June 21, 1765* (Pittsfield, Mass.: Becket Historical Society, 1965), 60, which gives no date or age. There is also an Abigail Kingsley, wife of Phineas, who died 6 Sept. 1777, in the second source above, so the 15 Sept. date would refer to Isaiah's wife.

8 Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

Isaiah married second, probably at Becket in 1778, **Sarah (Stedman) Chaplin**.[9] She was born at Windham on 30 October 1736, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Seaver) Stedman.[10] Sarah died after 6 February 1799.[11] Sarah had first married at Windham 13 June 1754, Doctor Joseph Chaplin of Pomfret, Windham County.[12] Joseph was born at Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 7 April 1728, son of Benjamin and Tamsin (Walden) Chaplin.[13] He died at Hartwood [now Washington], Berkshire County, on 17 June 1776 and was buried in the Town Hall Cemetery there.[14] Joseph Chaplin "established himself in a medical practice in Windham Village, about 1755,"[15] and he was listed as "one of the first 10 settlers" of Washington.[16]

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[9] Although William Arthur Kingsley, *The Kingsley Family of America* (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 1980), 85, calls her Sarah Wadsworth, other evidence points to this Sarah (Stedman) Chaplin. Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 22:257, is a transfer of Lot #58, First Division, Washington [*sic*], Mass., from Isaiah and Sarah Kingsley for £100 to Joseph Chaplin, Sarah's son, on 12 June 1780. Prior to this, Joseph's father, Joseph Chaplin of Windham, purchased Lot #58 on 7 July 1768 (ibid., 6: 216). There is no probate record for Joseph, but Sarah may have held the land as her dower or until Joseph was able to claim it as eldest son. Sarah's three daughters' names were also names of three of her sisters (George Chandler, "Stedman Family," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 14 [1860]: 69). Daughter Mary "Polly" named her fourth child Levi Stedman Nye (*Vital Records of Lee, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* [Boston, NEHGS, 1903], 22).

[10] Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 1: 200 (birth and parents' marriage but Anna's maiden name missing); *Vital Records of Brookline, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1929), 156 (parents' marriage); Chandler, "Stedman Family," *Register* 14: 69.

[11] Berkshire County Probate, Isaiah Kingsley, #1821. The estate was settled "exclusive of widow's dower" 6 February 1799.

[12] Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 1: 317 and 2: 10; Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), part 4, 72, from records of the Hampton Congregational Church, formerly in Windham Village.

[13] *Vital Records of Lynn, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1905), 1: 98 (birth), 2: 88 (parents' marriage).

[14] Cemetery Records and Congregational Church records, Washington, Massachusetts, 1774–1900 [FHL microfilm 14,731 Item 4], where an inscription says, "Doct. Joseph Chaplin, he died June 17, 1776, in the 49th year of his life"; photograph online at *findagrave.com*, the cemetery called both Town Hall Cemetery and Washington Cemetery.

[15] Ellen D. Larned, *History of Windham County, Connecticut*, 2 vols. (Worcester, Mass.: the author, 1874–80), 1: 553.

[16] John Wright Crane and Benjamin F. Thompson, *A History of the Town of Washington, Massachusetts* (Pittsfield, Mass.: Berkshire Family History Association, 1992), 1.

Isaiah, with his father, Amos, and brother Nathaniel, moved to Becket by 1754.[17] He served as First Deacon of the First Congregational Church of Becket from its formation in March 1759 until his death in 1796.[18] In the summer of 1777 British General Burgoyne invaded Vermont, terrorizing the citizens. Sons David and Phineas, who had migrated to Rutland County, Vermont, around 1773, fled to their father's house at Becket with their families. While there, a "malignant form of dysentery," more deadly than a contemporary smallpox epidemic, took the lives of seven family members between 1 and 15 September 1777. Isaiah Sr. lost his wife Abigail and daughter Esther. Isaiah Jr. lost sons Flavel and Milley and daughter Sarah. Phineas lost his wife Abigail and infant daughter Abigail.[19]

The final settlement of Isaiah's estate on 6 February 1799 named heirs in the following order: Isaiah, David, and Phinehas Kingsley; Abigail, wife of Joseph Chaplin; Enos and Seth Kingsley; Elizabeth, wife of David Martin; Anna, wife of Septimus Witter; and Polly and Lucy Kingsley.[20]

Children of Isaiah and Abigail (Palmer) Kingsley, first four born and baptized at Windham[21] and last four born at Becket:[22]

i. **Isaiah Kingsley Jr.**, b. 2 Sept. 1747, bp. 18 Oct. 1747; d. 3 Aug. 1808, bur. in Becket Centre Cemetery;[23] m., intentions at Becket 23 March 1771, **Margaret Sloan**,[24] b., probably at Armagh, co. Armagh, Ireland,[25] ca. 1746,[26] dau. of George and Mary (Campbell) Sloan.[27] She d. 30 May 1808, aged 62, bur. with Isaiah.[28]

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[17] Archer, *History of Becket*, 33–34.

[18] Archer, History of Becket, 42.

[19] Archer, *History of Becket*, 60; Becket Church Records, 520; *Vital Records of Becket*, 94; Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Rutland County, Vt. for 1881–82*, (Syracuse, N.Y.: H. Child, 1881), 214.

[20] Berkshire County Probate, 9: 517.

[21] Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 1: 268, the same page as the parents' marriage, which calls father and first son "Isaac"; baptisms from Scotland Parish records as in the Connecticut State Library index of church records, father and son spelled "Isaiah."

[22] *Vital Records of Becket*, 22–23.

[23] Becket Church Records, 502, 520.

[24] *Vital Records of Becket*, 63.

[25] Revolutionary War Pension of Margaret's brother, George Sloan, S14474, who said he was born at Armagh 28 Sept. 1749 and came to this country with his father, George, in 1755. They lived first at Hartford and then at Washington, Mass.

[26] Becket Church Records, 520, from her gravestone, which says "ae 62 yrs."

[27] Kingsley, *Kingsley Family*, 123; Lucius Barnes Barbour, *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*, Jacquelyn L. Ricker, ed. (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982), 541.

[28] Becket Church Records, 520.

ii. **David Kingsley**, b. 22 Jan. 1748/49, bp. 29 Jan. 1749; d. at Elba, Genesee Co., N.Y., in 1804;[29] m. at Becket 30 Sept. 1773, **Patience Wood**,[30] who d. after 1810, probably at Batavia, Genesee Co.[31] As they had a son named Solomon,[32] she was b., probably at Westborough, Worcester Co., Mass., 21 Feb. 1752, dau. of Solomon and Patience (Forbush) Wood(s).[33] On 2 July 1802 David was living at Sudbury, Rutland Co., Vt., when he sold land at Becket.[34]

iii. **Phineas Kingsley**, b. 21 Dec. 1750, bp. 6 Jan. 1751; d. at Rutland, Rutland Co., 25 May 1825,[35] bur. in North Main Street Cemetery there;[36] m. (1), probably at Rutland or at Bennington, Bennington Co., Vt.,[37] 26 March 1775, **Abigail Whipple**,[38] b. at Hardwick, Worcester Co., 21 June 1753, dau. of Benjamin and Hepsibah

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[29] F.W. Beers, *Gazetteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, N.Y.* (Syracuse, N.Y.: J. W. Vose, 1890), 436.

[30] Becket Church Records, 353; intentions at Becket 5 July 1773 (*Vital Records of Becket*, 63).

[31] Patience Kingsley household, 1810 U.S. Census, Batavia, Genesee Co., New York, roll 27, p. 108. Patience Kingsley was present at the first meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia 19 September 1809 (Safford E. North, *Our Country and Its People: a Descriptive and Biographical Record of Genesee County, New York* [Batavia, N.Y.: Batavia History Co., 1899], 326).

[32] Jane Fletcher Fiske, Ruth Wilder Sherman, and Robert Moody Sherman, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 20, Family of Henry Sampson* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2005), part 2, 130.

[33] *Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903) 111 (birth), *Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 112 (parents' marriage). Solomon's probate (letter of administration to Patience Wood of Westborough 8 Nov. 1758) does not mention the children (Worcester County Probate, docket #67306, 107: 162, 6: 63, 248). Their mother may have remarried and moved to western Massachusetts.

[34] Berkshire Co. Deeds, 40: 158.

[35] Henry Stoddard Ruggles, *The Ruggles, Kingsley, Ross and Goodwin Revolutionary Ancestry of Henry Stoddard Ruggles* (n.p.: the author, 1901) [FHL microfilm 1,429,795 Item 18], 18–19.

[36] Photograph of broken stone on *findagrave.com*; Margaret R. Jenks, *Rutland Cemetery Inscriptions, Rutland County, Vermont* (Granville, N.Y.: the author, 1995), 6.

[37] Abigail's father moved to Bennington, Vt., about 1761 and later to Rutland. He died at Whipple Hollow at Rutland 30 Aug. 1806 (Henry Burdette Whipple, "A Partial List of the Descendants of Matthew Whipple the Elder, of Bocking, Essex County, England," typescript online at Heritage Quest Online [High Point, N.C., 1965], 1: 55).

[38] Ruggles, *Ruggles, Kingsley, Ross and Goodwin*, 19; Kingsley, *Kingsley Family*, 125. Marvel G. Swan and Donald P. Swan, *Early Families of Rutland, Vermont* (Rutland, Vt.: Rutland Historical Society, 1990), 222, which includes additional information on the family.

(Crosby) Whipple.[39] She d. at Becket 6 Sept. 1777.[40] Phineas m. (2) 11 Feb. 1779, **Abigail Woods**,[41] probably the sister of Phineas's brother David's wife Patience, b. at Westborough 11 Sept. 1753[42] and d. 20 May 1793.[43] He m. (3) at Southbury, New Haven Co., Conn., 9 Feb. 1794, **Anna Squire**,[44] b., probably 8 June 1753, dau. of Daniel and Sarah (Tomlin) Squire.[45] She d. at Rutland 4 Feb. 1795.[46] He m. (4) 8 Dec. 1795, **Elizabeth Dewing**,[47] b. ca. 1750, d. at Rutland 7 April 1825, aged 75,[48] or in her 75th year, and was bur. with Phineas.[49]

iv. **Abigail Kingsley**, b. 22 Nov. 1753, bp. 10 Feb. 1754; d. at Virgil, Cortland Co., N.Y., 2 June 1822;[50] m. (1) at Becket 25 Dec. 1771, **Gideon Messenger**,[51] b. at Norwich, New London Co., Conn., 1 Feb. 1747, son of Benoni and Mary (Wood) Messenger.[52] He d. at Becket 20 Feb. 1779.[53] Abigail m. (2) at Hartwood [now

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[39] *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, (Boston, NEHGS, 1917), 122 (birth); *Vital Records of Westborough*, 218 (parents' marriage).

[40] Becket Church Records, 520, says "d. Sept 6, 1777, ae 24 yrs 1st wife of Phineas Kingsley."

[41] Ruggles, *Ruggles, Kingsley, Ross and Goodwin*, 19.

[42] *Vital Records of Westborough*, 110.

[43] *Swan and Swan, Early Families of Rutland*, 222.

[44] Ruggles, *Ruggles, Kingsley, Ross and Goodwin*, 19. William Cothren, *History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut* (Waterbury, Conn.: Bronson Press, 1854), 478, calls her "Hannah Squire."

[45] Swan and Swan, *Early Families of Rutland*, 222. Daniel married Sarah Tomlin at Woodbury 9 Nov. 1752 (Cothren, *Ancient Woodbury*, 482).

[46] Vermont State Vital Records, image online at *FamilySearch.org* in Vt., Vital Records, 1760–1954, called "Anna," says only Feb. 1795; *Rutland Herald*, Mon., 9 Feb. 1795, says "on Wednesday last."

[47] *Ruggles, Ruggles, Kingsley, Ross and Goodwin*, 19.

[48] Vermont State Vital Records, image online at *FamilySearch.org* in Vt., Vital Records, 1760-1954.

[49] Photograph of damaged stone on *findagrave.com*, legible enough to be identified; Jenks, *Rutland Cemetery Inscriptions*, 6, with an annotation from "Swan," i.e., Swan, *Early Families of Rutland*.

[50] Vital and Church Records, Virgil, 1832–1879 [FHL microfilm 0,017,994].

[51] Becket Church Records, 353, by the Rev. Zaddock Hunn; intentions at Becket 21 Nov. 1771 (*Vital Records of Becket*, 68).

[52] *Vital Records of Norwich 1659–1848*, 2 vols. (Hartford, Conn.: Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut, 1913), 182; Nettie Post Wright and Nettie Wright Adams, *The Messenger Family in the Colony of Connecticut* (West Hartford, Conn.: T. B. Simonds, 1963), 16, 21; Jerilyn J. Reniger, *The Messenger Family in Portage and Geauga Counties, Ohio, New Connecticut*, (Lansing, Mich.: Capitol Photo Engravers, 1966), 15.

[53] Reniger, *The Messenger Family*, 15; Becket Church Records, 519.

Washington], Berkshire Co., 21 Dec. 1780, **Joseph Chaplin**.[54]

v. **Enos Kingsley**, b. 20 Sept. 1757; d. 21 Oct. 1836; bur. in Restland Cemetery, Bainbridge, Geauga Co., Ohio;[55] m. (1) at Becket 26 Nov. 1778, **Rachel Crane**,[56] b. ca. 1748[57] and d. at Becket 3 Jan. 1786, aged 37.[58] Enos m. (2) at Becket 24 May 1787, **Sarah Wadsworth**,[59] b. there 20 June 1762, dau. of Jonathan and Rebekah (Davenport) Wadsworth.[60] She d. at Becket 9 April 1828.[61]

vi. **Seth Palmer Kingsley**, b. 13 June 1761; d. after 1831, probably at Venango, Crawford Co., Penn.,[62] m. **Miriam Northrup**, b. at Tyringham, Berkshire Co., in 1762, dau. of Amos and Hannah (Calkins) (Hatch) Northrup.[63] She d. at Otis, Berkshire Co., 30 Jan. 1831.[64]

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[54] *Vital Records of Washington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 29.

[55] Geauga County Genealogical Society, Bainbridge Township Cemetery Files, http://files.usgwarchives.net/oh/geauga/cemeteries/bainbridge/alpha/hous-kra.txt, section 5, lot #7, viewed 15 August 2011.

[56] *Vital Records of Becket*, 63.

[57] She may be the dau. of Hezekiah and Rachel (Rockwell) Crane bp. at Bolton, Conn., 30 June 1751 (*Register* 42 [1898]: 411; Henry R. Stiles, *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut*, 2 vols. [Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1891-92; reprint Somersworth, N.H.: New Hampshire Publishing Co., 1976], 2: 167). See also Ellery Bicknell Crane, *Genealogy of the Crane Family* (Worcester, Mass.: the author, 1900), 2: 44, which lists but does not follow her. Hezekiah Crane in his will dated 20 Oct. 1796 lists daughters, including Rachel, saying he had given land to them by deed (East Windsor District Probate, file 931). That does not, however, prove that dau. Rachel was living.

[58] Becket Church Records, 521.

[59] *Vital Records of Becket*, 63.

[60] *Vital Records of Becket*, 34 (birth); mother's maiden name from Bennet F. Davenport, "The Davenport Family," *Register* 33 [1879]: 33. On 7 Sept. 1797 Enos and Sarah Kingley of Becket quitclaimed on their right in her father Jonathan Wadsworth's estate (Berkshire County Deeds, 37:442).

[61] Becket Church Records, 520.

[62] Samuel P. Bates, *History of Crawford County, Pennsylvania*, (Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1885), 1119, biography of Albert E. Kingsley, Venango Township, which says "grandson of Seth P. Kingsley, who came later." His wife's death notice in *Vital Records of Otis, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1941), 144, calls her wife, not widow, of Dea. Seth Kingsley.

[63] A. Judd Northrup, "Northrup Genealogy," *Register* 43 [1889]: 251.

[64] *Vital Records of Otis*, 144, says only 1831, from church records; Northrup, "Northrup Genealogy," *Register* 43: 251 gives the full date.

vii. **Elisabeth Kingsley**, b. 24 June 1763; d. at Warsaw, Genesee Co., N.Y., 10 Aug 1835, aged 75;[65] m., probably in 1782, **David Martin**,[66] b. at Lebanon, New London Co., Conn., 25 April 1745, son of Thomas and Ann (Clark) Martin.[67] He d. at Warsaw in July 1813.[68]

viii. **Esther Kingsley**, b. 12 Sept. 1770; d. at Becket 9 Sept. 1777, "3 Days short of Seven years."[69]

Children of Isaiah and Sarah (Stedman) (Chaplin) Kingsley, born at Becket:[70]

ix. **Anna Kingsley**, b. 17 March 1779; d. 9 Oct. 1849, aged 70, bur. at Burton, Geauga Co.;[71] m. at Becket 20 Jan. 1796, **Septimus Witter**,[72] b., probably at Preston, New London Co., Conn., 14 Jan. 1771, son of Joseph and Hannah (Davison) Witter.[73] He d. 30 Aug. 1857 and was bur. at Burton.[74]

x. **Lucy Kingsley**, twin, b. 12 March 1782; d. at Dover [now Westlake], Cuyahoga Co., Ohio,[75] 21 Jan. 1843, bur. in Evergreen Cemetery in Westlake;[76] m. at Becket 22 Feb. 1802, **Sylvanus Phinney** or **Finney**,[77] b. at Lee, Berkshire Co., 15 Dec. 1778, son

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[65] Andrew W. Young, *History of the Town of Warsaw, New York, From Its First Settlement to the Present Time* (Buffalo: Sage, Sons & Co., 1869), 294.

[66] Berkshire County Probate, Isaiah Kingsley, #1821, listed with heirs as "Elizabeth the wife of David Martin."

[67] Barbour Collection, citing Lebanon Vital Records, 1: 199 (birth and parents' marriage).

[68] *Young, History of the Town of Warsaw*, 294.

[69] *Vital Records of Becket*, 94.

[70] *Vital Records of Becket*, 21, 23.

[71] Geauga County Genealogical Society, "Burton Township Cemetery Files," online at *http://files.usgwarchives.net/oh/geauga/cemeteries/burton/burton-w.txt*, viewed 16 Aug. 2011.

[72] *Vital Records of Becket*, 63.

[73] Georgia Cooper Washburn, *Witter Genealogy, Descendants of William Witter of Swampscott, Massachusetts, 1639–1659* (New York: National Historical Co., 1929), 38; Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages*, part 7, 40 (parents' marriage).

[74] Geauga County Genealogical Society, "Burton Township Cemetery Files," online at *http://files.usgwarchives.net/oh/geauga/cemeteries/burton/burton-w.txt*, viewed 16 Aug. 2011.

[75] Howard Finney, *Finney-Phinney Families in America: Descendants of John Finney of Plymouth and Barnstable, Mass., and Bristol, R.I., of Samuel Finney of Philadelphia, Pa., and of Robert Finney of New London, Pa.* (Richmond, Va.: W. Byrd Press, 1957), 63.

[76] Photograph online at *findagrave.com* says "Lucy Wife of Sylvanus Phinney Died Jan 21, 1843, Aged 61 Yrs."

[77] *Vital Records of Becket*, 64, says "Finney."

of Barnabas and Deborah (Gifford) Phinney.[78] He d. at Dover 18 Aug. 1852.[79]

xi. **Mary "Polly" Kingsley**, twin, b. 12 March 1782; d. at Lee 6 April 1828, aged 44;[80] m. there 4 Jan. 1803, **Levi Nye Jr.**,[81] b. at Lee 6 May 1777, son of Levi and Sarah (Freeman) Nye.[82] He d. there 5 May 1842, aged 65.[83]

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Stedman) Chaplin, the first six born at Windham:[84]

i. **Joseph Chaplin**, b. 10 April 1755; m. at Hartwood 21 Dec. 1780, **Abigail (Kingsley) Messenger** (iv. above).

ii. **John Chaplin**, b. 30 Nov. 1756. John Chaplin was of "Hartwood" (the early name for Washington), "Private in Capt. Peter Porter's co. of Minute-men" and "Marched April 23, 1776."[85]

iii. **Nathaniel[4] Chaplin**, b. 20 March 1759; d. at Windham 6 Jan. 1763.[86]

iv. **Daniel Chaplin**, b. 10 July 1761; d. at Rahway, Essex, N.J., 4 Jan. 1798.[87] Daniel Chaplin was of "Becket" on a "Pay roll for six months men" who "marched July 26, 1780."[88]

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[78] *Vital Records of Lee*, 41, 78 (birth); Caroline Lewis Cardell and Russell A. Lovell Jr., *Vital Records of Sandwich Massachusetts to 1885*, 3 vols. (Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1996), 1: 226 (parents' marriage).

[79] *Finney, Finney-Phinney Families in America*, 29, 62.

[80] *Vital Records of Lee*, 218.

[81] *Vital Records of Lee*, 152, says 4 Jan., but church records say 6 Jan.

[82] *Vital Records of Lee*, 74 (birth); Cardell and Lovell, *Vital Records of Sandwich*, 1: 218 (parents' marriage).

[83] *Vital Records of Lee*, 218.

[84] Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 1: 317; 2: 10.

[85] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 3: 323, q.v. for more.

[86] Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 2: 10.

[87] "Melancholy Occurrences," *New Jersey Journal*, Elizabeth, N.J., 9 Jan. 1798, online at *Genealogybank.com*. Daniel Chaplin was a "schoolmaster, . . . a native of Connecticut" and after being detained on suspicion of robbery and subsequently released, he "took a razor from his pocket, and cut his throat." The *Porcupine's Gazette*, Philadelphia, Penn., 18 Jan. 1798, ran an inquiry by a Benjamin Chaplin, who had a "brother of that name, a schoolmaster" and was seeking more information. Benjamin also states that "My father's name was Joseph Chaplin, (Physician) a native of Connecticut, who, about the year 1770, removed to the County of Berkshire, Massachusetts" and "I have a brother living in the County of Onandago, State of New York, whose name is Joseph."

[88] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors*, 3: 322, q.v. for more.

v. **Nathaniel Chaplin**, b. 1 May 1764; d. at Lee 9 June 1826, aged 62.[89] Nathaniel was paid from Isaiah Kingsley's estate for "Eleven years and seven months service at laboring in husbandry."[90]

vi. **Sarah Chaplin**, b. 22 Oct. 1766, d. probably in Jefferson County, Missouri Territory, before November 22, 1827;[91] m. (1), about 1785, **Ebenezer Kingsley**,[92] b. at Becket 18 Feb. 1758, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Walden) Kingsley.[93] He d. in late 1792.[94] She m. (2), about 1794,[95] **Adam Brown**, d. in Jefferson, Co., Missouri Territory, before 11 Dec. 1822.[96]

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[89] *Vital Records of Lee*, 190, spelled "Chaplain," "cut his own throat."

[90] Berkshire County Probate, Isaiah Kingsley, #1821.

[91] John Lyman Smith Papers, 1792–1895, ms. 680, L. Tom Perry Special Collections Library, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, Folder 17, has several letters written to Sarah Marietta by her mother, Sarah (Chaplin) (Kingsley) Brown, that document that she with Mr. Brown and several Brown children removed to St. Louis in 1805. The letters name her children: Ester, married by 1811, a son, John, two girls, Flavia and Orella, and a boy she called "Stedman," who was born near St. Louis in about 1807. *Missouri Republican* (St Louis, Missouri Territory), November 22, 1827, p. 4, col. 4 (University of Missouri, Ellis Library, Columbia, Missouri), "Petition to foreclose Mortgage," names "William Ogle, and Orella his wife; John W. Honey, Guardian of James S. Brown; John Stephens, and Flavin his wife; Lemuel Lee, and Hester his wife, heirs of Adam Brown deceased." Sarah is not listed with her children as an heir.

[92] *Vital Records of Becket*, 22, birth of Ebenezer Chaplin Kingsley, "s. Ebenezer and Sarah, Oct. 13, 1786." Kingsley, *Kingsley Family*, 87, says only that he married Sarah ___. Todd Compton, *In Sacred Loneliness: The Plural Wives of Joseph Smith* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Signature Books, 1998), 272, says on October 20, 1788, Sarah (Maryetta Kingsley), was born in Becket, Berkshire, Massachusetts, to Ebenezer Kingsley, and Sarah Chaplin.

[93] *Vital Records of Becket*, 22 (birth); Barbour Collection, citing Windham Vital Records, 1:289 (parents' marriage).

[94] Lion G. Niles, "Anna Bingham: From the Red Lion Inn to the Supreme Court," *New England Quarterly*, 69: 2 [June, 1996]: 295. Ebenezer Kingsley, a partner with Joseph Chaplin, was named in a suit along with Silas Pepoon and Anna Bingham initiated by Thomas Jenkins of Hudson, N.Y., which was appealed to the Supreme Court in Philadelphia. The article states that "Kingsley died late in 1792." John Lyman Smith Papers, Folder 19, fragment of a letter from Philadelphia, dated August 10th 1792, clearly by Ebenezer Kingsley, as he discusses the death of an infant "almost four months old," "born in this City," and a young son, "Benjamin." *Vital Records of Becket*, 21, birth of Benjamin Kingsley, "s. Ebenezer and Sarah, Sept. 1, 1790." Ebenezer may also have died in Philadelphia while attending the above case.

[95] Compton, *In Sacred Loneliness*, 272, says "Sarah's mother remarried, uniting with a Mr. Brown." Becket Church Records, 36, says on "29 Dec. 1793, The widow Sarah Kingsley" had a son named "Ebenezer Chaplin" and a "dau. named 'Salla Maritta' baptised." She probably married Mr. Brown early in 1794.

[96] Missouri Territory, Northern Circuit, Jefferson County Court Records, 1819-1830 [FHL microfilm 972,971], p. 203. The entry for December 11, 1822, Moses Austin vs.

vii. **Benjamin Chaplin**, b., probably at Washington, by 1770,[97] bp. there 12 Dec. 1778.[98] He d. at New York, N.Y., 26 April 1811.[99]

viii. **Tamme, Tammy**, or **Terrome Chaplin**, b., probably at Washington, ca. 1774, bp. there 12 Dec. 1778;[100] d. at Lee 29 March 1835, aged 61;[101] m. at Becket 14 Jan. 1796, as his second wife, **Barnabas Adams**,[102] b. at Canterbury, Windham Co., 12 March 1749, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Seary) Adams.[103] He d. at Lee 7 Jan. 1832, aged 81 or 82 years 10 months.[104] Barnabas Adams was named guardian of Polly and Lucy Kingsley in their father Isaiah's probate record,[105] probably because he was married to their half sister, Tammy Chaplin.

Terry Chaplin is a semi-retired wildland firefighter who maintains an active role on an Incident Management Team. He lives in Colorado and has been working on his family history for 25 years.

Adam Brown, says "Abates by the defendant Adam Brown's death."

[97] "Payroll of Captain Azariah Ashley's Company in Colonel John Ashley's Regiment, General Pattison's Division in the County of Berkshire. 23 January 1787 to 14 February, 1787" (Knurow Collection, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass., Vol. 15, records of Shays' Rebellion). Benjamin is on the roll as a private; he would have been at least 16 years to have been mustered with the militia.

[98] Benjamin "ch. Of Doct. Joseph Chaplin" was baptized with sister "Terrome," 12 April 1778 (Cemetery and Church records, Washington, 148).

[99] "Coroner's Report," *The Lady's Miscellany or Weekly Visitor*, New York, N.Y., 4 May 1811, online at *Google.com*, states, "On Friday last the body of Mr. Benjamin Chaplin, of William-street was taken out of the north river, drowned"; John Lyman Smith Papers, Folder 17, letter from Ebenezer C. Kingsley, "Navy Yard New York Decr. 16, 09, to Mrs. S. M. Howe . . . Aunt Chaplin sends her love – uncle Benjn is in Canada"; 1810 U.S. Census, New York, N.Y., Ward 4, p.136, Line 2, (Benjn Chaplin); Casimir Goerck and Joseph Mangin, *Plan of The City of New York* (New York, 1803), viewed at *www.bklyn-genealogy-info.com*, which shows William Street within Ward 4; John Lyman Smith Papers, Folder 17, letter from Aunt Obedient Chaplin, New York 29th Oct. 1815, to Mrs. Sally M. Howe, where Aunt Chaplin does not mention her husband; *Spectator*, New York, N.Y., 12 April 1821, (online at *GenealogyBank.com*) "MARRIED, On the 29th ult. By Rev. Dr. Spring, Deacon Curtis, of Paris, N.Y. to Mrs. O. Chaplin, of this city."

[100] "Terrome, ch. Of Doct. Joseph Chaplin" was baptized with her brother, Benjamin, 12 April 1778 (Cemetery and Church records, Washington, 148).

[101] *Vital Records of Lee*, 177.

[102] *Vital Records of Becket*, 49.

[103] Barbour Collection, citing Canterbury Vital Records, 1: 51 (parents' marriage), 56 (birth)

[104] *Vital Records of Lee*, 177.

[105] Berkshire County Probate, Isaiah Kingsley, #1821.

Milliman, Bryant
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Bethlehem, Berkshire County[1]

By Carol R. Austin

Bryant Milliman[2] was born at North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island, on 13 January 1740, son of John and Anna (Bryant) Milliman.[3] He died at Avon, Livingston County, New York, on 23 May 1829.[4]

Bryant married, perhaps in early 1760, **Elizabeth Mitchell**[5] or **Whitford [(Whitford) Mitchell?]** who was born, probably in Rhode Island and probably on 17 December 1735.[6]

In 1757 he served in Capt. Greene's 4th Company, Col. Samuel Angel's Regiment, and in Capt. Rose's 7th company in Col. Henry

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Bethlehem, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 343. Bethlehem was a district, incorporated in 1789. It merged with the town of Loudon in 1809, and the name was changed to Otis in 1810 (William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, 5th edition [Boston: NEHGS, 1997], 88–89).

2 See Carol R. Austin, *Descendants of John Milliman of Kingston, Rhode Island* (Garden Grove, Calif.: the author, 1994), 3, 9–12.

3 Transcription of a Bible record "in possession of Miss Helen Remington, Marcellus, Michigan," on file at the Livingston County, New York, Historical Society; Cuyler Reynolds, *Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs, Volume IV* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1911), 1761. Ralph Dornfeld Owen, *Descendants of John Owen of Windsor, Connecticut* (Philadelphia: the author, 1941), 167, says he was born on 13 January 1740 *in Ireland*.

4 From the *Albany Gazette*, in Joseph Gavit, "American Deaths and Marriages, 1784–1829," microfilm of card file at the New York State Library.

5 Reynolds, *Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs*, 4: 1761.

6 Owen, *John Owen*, 167. The transcription of the Bible record cited above says "Elizabeth Whitford 2-17-1735," but the 2 may be an error for 12. A letter from John DeLong Austin to Charles Benjamin (in the author's possession), says 17 December 1735.

Babcock's regiment in 1758.[7] During the Revolution he was an ensign in the 3rd Company under Capt. James Tew Jr. and Lt. Henry Belcher in January 1775.[8] He is shown on the 1774 census of South Kingstown with three sons and three daughters, all under 16,[9] and also in South Kingstown in the 1777 military census, aged 16–50, able to bear arms.[10]

On 21 June 1793 Bryant was living at Becket, Berkshire County, when he purchased fifteen acres there, and he was still of Becket when he bought 23½ acres in Tyringham, Berkshire County, on 28 October 1796.[11] In 1798 only his sons Abiram and Ezekiel were listed with land in Tyringham, holding 100 and sixty acres respectively.[12] However, "Briant" headed a family at Tyringham in 1800 with a male under 10, one 16–26, himself and a female over 45, and two females 16–26.[13] He moved to Geneseo, then in Ontario County, New York, probably in 1803. On 15 March 1803 "Briant Milliman of Tyringham, Gent." purchased one acre from Tristram Steadman, and on 28 November 1803 "Briant Milliman and Elizabeth his wife, late of Tyringham" sold the acre to James Wadsworth of Geneseo.[14] The Bryant Milliman enumerated at Avon, Ontario County, in 1810 was probably the son, who had just turned 45, with two females 26–45 and eight younger people.[15]

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[7] Howard M. Chapin, *A List of Rhode Island Soldiers & Sailors in the Old French and Indian War 175–1762* (Providence, R.I.: Rhode Island Historical Society, 1918), 20, 101.

[8] Joseph Jencks Smith, *Civil and Military List of Rhode Island 1647–1800* (Providence, R.I.: Preston and Rounds Co., 1900), 317; *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*, John Russell Bartlett, ed., 10 vols. (Providence, R.I.: A. C. Greene, 1856–1865), 7: 437.

[9] John R. Bartlett, *Census of the Inhabitants of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations ... in the Year 1744* (Providence, R.I.: Knowles, Anthony & Co., 1858), 89.

[10] Mildred Mosher Chamberlain, *The Rhode Island 1777 Military Census* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985), 89.

[11] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 38: 439, 832.

[12] Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 20:397, online at *AmericanAncestors.org*.

[13] 1800 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 111.

[14] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 40: 645; 42: 455, the latter acknowledged at Ontario County 4 Sept. 1806. Livingston County was formed from Genesee and Ontario in 1821.

[15] 1810 U.S. Census, Avon, Ontario Co., N.Y., roll 33, p. 603.

Children of Bryant and Elizabeth (Mitchell or Whitford) Milliman, probably all born in or near South Kingstown:[16]

i. **Anna Milliman**, b. 30 Nov. 1760; d. 24 March 1826, aged 61 years, bur. in Lake Pleasant Cemetery, Geneseo, Livingston Co.;[17] m. at Tyringham 30 April 1782, **Stephen Heath**,[18] b. at Tolland, Tolland Co., Conn., 15 Sept. 1758, son of Isaac Heath Jr. and Patience (Markham) Heath.[19] He d. at Geneseo 12 Nov. 1832, aged 74 years, and was bur. in Lake Pleasant Cemetery.[20] See the separate sketch for Stephen Heath.

ii. **Elizabeth "Betsey" Milliman**, b. 19 July 1762; d. 28 April 1857;[21] bur., probably, in Bronson Hill Cemetery at Avon;[22] m. ca. 1780, **John Purchase Whaley**, b. at South Kingstown, Washington Co., R.I., in 1755, son of Jeremiah and Tamson (Purchase) Whaley.[23] He d. at Avon[24] 8 Sept. 1818, aged 63 years, and was bur. in Bronson Hill Cemetery at Avon.[25] On 1 Feb. 1819 John's widow Elizabeth and son Caleb were granted administration on his estate.[26]

iii. **Bryant Milliman**, b. 30 May 1764; d. at Townsend, Huron Co., Ohio,[27] 22 Sept. 1828, aged 66, bur. in Milan Cemetery, Milan,

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[16] Briant Milliman and Elizabeth, his wife, were present at the marriage of Philip and Desire Tourje in South Kingstown on 15 June 1772 (Revolutionary War Pension, Philip Tourje, W16762); the children's birth dates from the transcription of the Bible record cited above.

[17] Photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[18] *Vital Records of Tyringham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1903), 80, from a Congregational Church Record at Monterey, Mass. Monterey was incorporated from Tyringham in 1847 (Galvin, *Historical Data*, 79).

[19] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Tolland Vital Records, 2: 11 (birth), and Willington Vital Records, A: 19, B: 22 (parents' marriage).

[20] Photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[21] Austin, *Descendants of John Milliman*, 3, 9.

[22] Listed at *findagrave.com* but no data and no photograph appear.

[23] Rev. Samuel Whaley, *English Record of the Whaley Family and Its Branches in America* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Andrus & Church, 1901), 92, his wife called "Betsey."

[24] *Biographical Review of the Leading Citizens of Livingston and Wyoming Counties* (Boston: Biographical Review Publishing Co., 1895), 16, which also names his parents.

[25] Photograph on the Jesse A. Whaley Family [public] Tree at *Ancestry.com*.

[26] Abstracts of Wills, Admins. and Guardianships in N.Y. State, 1787–1835, database online at *AmericanAncestors.org* (New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), original manuscript titled "New York State Abstracts of Wills" in the Eardeley Genealogy Collection at the Brooklyn Historical Society, from Ontario County Probate, 12: 505.

[27] Henry Reinier Timman, *Just Like Old Times: From the Norwalk Reflector, Norwalk, Ohio*, 7 vols. (Norwalk, Ohio: various, 1983–2004), 4: 47, from the *Norwalk Reflector*, 20 Nov. 1981.

Erie Co., Ohio;[28] "of Bethlehem" when he m. at Tyringham 1 June 1791, **Susannah Rathbone**,[29] b. at Exeter, Washington Co., 30 July 1769,[30] dau. of Jonathan and Susannah (Barber) Rathbone.[31] She d. at Townsend 22 July 1849, aged 79 years 11 months, and was bur. with Briant.[32] In 1800 this Bryant Milliman, age 26–45, was at Hartford [now Avon], Ontario Co., N.Y.[33]

iv. **Abigail Milliman**, b. 12 Oct. 1767; perhaps m. 29 Aug. 1796, ___ **Foote**.[34]

v. **Abiram Milliman**, b. 30 Oct. 1769; d. before 10 Nov. 1831,[35] bur. in Bronson Hill Cemetery, Avon;[36] was "of Bethlehem" when he m. at Tyringham 10 Nov. 1791, **Elizabeth Park**,[37] b. at Voluntown, New London Co., Conn., 25 March 1772, dau. of Nehemiah and Margaret (Stewart) Park.[38] She d. in June 1836 and was bur. in Bronson Hill Cemetery.[39] Abiram had a dau. Abigail Milliman, b. at Tyringham 29 Aug. 1796 [but probably 29 May 1791] by Abigail Hall Jr.,[40] b. at Charlestown, Washington Co., 27 June 1772, dau.

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[28] Photograph of a modern monument at *findagrave.com*. Milan is partly in Huron County and partly in Erie County.

[29] *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 80.

[30] Revolutionary War Pension, Briant Milliman, R.7239.

[31] John C. Cooley, *Rathbone Genealogy* (Syracuse, N.Y.: Press of the Courier Job Print, 1898), 136.

[32] Photograph of a modern monument at *findagrave.com*. "Susan" died of cancer in Townsend, Huron Co., in July 1849, aged 79 (1850 Mortality Index, image online at *FamilySearch.org*).

[33] 1800 U.S. Census, Hartford, Ontario Co., N.Y., roll 28, p. 380. The town of Avon was formed as "Hartford" in 1789 and its name changed in 1808 (J. H. French, *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State* [Syracuse, N.Y.: R. P. Smith, 1859; repr. Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1980], 382).

[34] Note on a family group sheet compiled by Charles Benjamin, in possession of the author.

[35] Livingston County Deeds, 14: 62, when his heirs sold land.

[36] *Findagrave.com*, information added but no photograph.

[37] *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 80.

[38] Barbour Collection, citing Voluntown Vital Records, 1: 125 (birth and parents' marriage); Frank Sylvester Parks, *Genealogy of the Parke Families of Connecticut* (Washington, D.C.: the author, 1906), 76.

[39] *Findagrave.com*, information added but no photograph.

[40] *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 47. When Abigail Milliman died at Tyringham 23 May 1858, aged 66 years 11 months 24 days [*sic*, yielding a birth date of 29 May 1791], unmarried, her parents were named as "Biram Milliman" and Abigail Hall (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 120: 53). In 1850 at Tyringham, Abigail "Hall" was aged 59 (1850 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 117).

of Consider and Abigail Hall.[41] Abiram was a justice of the peace as of 18 Oct. 1838 in Livingston Co. when his brother's widow Susannah applied for a pension.[42]

vi. **Ezekiel Milliman**, b. 4 March 1771; d. at Avon before 3 Nov. 1813;[43] m. at Blandford, Hampshire [now Hampden] Co. in Jan. 1796, **Rachel Shepard**,[44] b. there ca. 1777, dau. of Jonathan and Miriam (Strong) Shepard.[45] She d. in 1838.[46] In 1810 at Avon, Ezekiel and a female were aged 26–45 with a male 16–26.[47]

vii. **John M. Milliman**, b. 19 Sept. 1773; d. 12 March 1846, aged 72, bur. at Lake Pleasant Cemetery, Lakeville, Livingston Co.;[48] m., probably in Berkshire Co., 22 Jan. 1799, **Elizabeth Pearce**,[49] b. in Rhode Island 1 Aug. 1781,[50] dau. of Lawrence Southcotte and Lettice M. (Austin) Pearce.[51] She d. 25 April 1857 and was bur. in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.[52] A declaration on 8 Feb. 1855 by Elizabeth Milliman, aged 72 [*sic*], of Geneseo, dau. of Lawrence S. Pearse, appears in her father's Revolutionary War pension file.[53]

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[41] *Vital Records of Tyringham*, 33.

[42] Revolutionary War Pension, Briant Milliman, 7239.

[43] Will dated 26 Dec. 1812, proved 3 Nov. 1813, naming wife Rachel and nephew Edward A. Whaley (Ontario County Probate, Wills, 7: 70–73).

[44] Tyringham Marriages, 1778–1799 (FHL 0,250,272, item 4), 2, recorded 8 Jan. 1858 [*sic*]; intentions at Blandford 29 Nov. 1795 (Blandford Town Records [FHL 186,138], no page number). Gerald Faulkner Shepard, *The Shepard Family of New England*, Donald Lines Jacobus, ed., 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: New Haven Historical Society, 1971–1973), 3: 99, says Rachel, dau. of Jonathan and Miriam Shepard, was married to Ezekiel Williams of Tyringham, Mass. But Ezekiel's name, "Milliman," is written clearly in both Tyringham and Blandford records.

[45] Shepard, *Shepard Family*, 3: 99.

[46] Austin, *Descendants of John Milliman*, 3.

[47] 1810 U.S. Census, Avon, Ontario Co., N.Y., roll 33, p. 603.

[48] Mrs. S. C. Douglas and Anna B. Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," manuscript in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, Mss A7428 (Rochester, N.Y., 1928), 24.

[49] Their first child, Joseph Whitford Milliman, was born 2 Oct. 1799 (photograph of his gravestone in the Gilson Cemetery, Climax, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., on *findagrave.com*). The exact date shown here is in many places online, but its source is unknown.

[50] Transcription of the Bible record cited above; family record in Revolutionary War pension, Lawrence S. Pearce, R.8033.

[51] Edith Austin Moore, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Robert Austin of Kingstown, R.I.* (St. Petersburg, Fla.: the author, 1951), 232.

[52] Douglas and Yates, "Livingston County, N.Y., Epitaphs," 24.

[53] Revolutionary War pension, Lawrence S. Pearce, R.8033.

viii. **Sarah Milliman**, b. 20 March 1776; d. 26 Jan. 1821; bur. in Bronson Hill Cemetery;[54] m. 8 Sept. 1803, **Alonzo DeForest**,[55] b. at Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn. 29 Nov. 1781, son of Isaac and Mary (Gregory) DeForest.[56] He d. 8 Sept. 1845, aged 64,[57] and was bur. in Bronson Hill Cemetery.[58] He married (2) 8 May 1821, Electa Hawks.[59]

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[54] *Findagrave.com*, no photograph.

[55] J. W. DeForest, *The DeForests of Avesnes* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1900), 232.

[56] Barbour Collection, citing Huntington Vital Records, 79 (birth and parents' marriage); DeForest, *DeForests of Avesnes*, 232.

[57] DeForest, *DeForests of Avesnes*, 232.

[58] *Findagrave.com*, no photograph.

[59] DeForest, *DeForests of Avesnes*, 232.

Milliman, Wait
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Tyringham, Berkshire County,[1]

By Carol R. Austin

Wait Milliman[2] was born at South Kingston, King's [now Washington] County, Rhode Island, shortly before 8 September 1747/8, son of Caleb "Weight" and Abigail Milliman.[3] He died between 1794 and 1802, probably at Tyringham, before the 1800 census.[4]

Wait Milliman married about 1778, **Theodosia** _____.[5] She died at Lafayette, Onondaga County, New York, on 29 July 1831.[6] After Wait's death, she married, second, Ezra Caswell, before 6 February 1810, when Ezra and wife Theodosia, both of Tyringham, sold the north part of lot #19 at Tyringham to Elijah Milliman of Pompey, Onondaga County.[7] However they did not live together for the sixteen years prior to her

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 616.

2 The Milliman name among Wait's descendants has been spelled Milliman, Milleman, Millerman, Millermon, and Millemon.

3 Nellie M. C. Beaman, "Abstracts of Washington County, Rhode Island, Court of Common Pleas, West Kingston, R.I. Inferior Court of Common Pleas Volume B 1741–1749," *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 10 [1987]: 340, from p. 616, "Caleb Weight of Ex[eter] laborer the overseer of the poor of SK [South Kingstown], this 8 Sep 1747 with maintenance of a male bastard child born in SK of body of Abigail Milliman of SK singlewoman."

4 In 1800 at Tyringham, Theodosia Milliman headed a family with a male 10–16 and a female under 10 (1800 U.S. Census, Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 112). Wait signed a deed in 1794 but died by 1802 when his land was distributed to his heirs (see below).

5 First child born 1779 (see below).

6 Onondaga County, N.Y., Surrogate Court, probate petition of John Milleman of Hartland, Niagara County, N.Y., 8 Sept. 1831, as abstracted in "The Caswell Family, Notes Collected by Camille A. Dixon and John C. LaPiana," typescript (1983), online at Family History Archives via the Family History Library catalog, 14.

7 Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 47: 735. See below for more on this land.

death; he remained in Massachusetts,[8] and she moved to Onondaga County, near her two sons.

Wait's early childhood may have been a struggle, since his mother and grandmother were warned out of Richmond, King's County, in 1753.[9] On 21 April 1754 his mother married William Bentley at Richmond.[10]

Wait may have been living at Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, New York, in 1775, as a Weight Milleman signed the Association Test there in 1775.[11] But "Waite Milemon" made his mark on 28 December 1776 on his receipt for pay, 13 shillings 8½ pence, received from Capt. James Parker of Col. Talman's Rhode Island Regiment.[12] By 21 January 1779 he was already living at Tyringham, when he purchased fifty-eight acres in the north end of lot #19 there. He sold that and the north part of lot #73 to Caleb Eddy on 27 February 1786 and on 1 May, only eight weeks later, purchased the lot #19 portion back from Caleb.[13]

On 25 April 1794 "Waight" Milleman, cordwainer, and his wife Theodosia sold the fifty-eight acres in the north end of lot #19 to Clark Bailey. In a deed dated 23 January 1802, Clark Bailey, now of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, quitclaimed to Wait's widow Theodosia for $1 a third of lot #19. The other two thirds were for Wait's heirs: Margaret, wife of John Clifford; Abigail, wife of Lyman Brown; Mary, wife of Luther Lyman; and Elijah, Freelove, John, and Theodosia Milliman.[14]

On 22 February 1802 Benjamin and Freelove Andrus of Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vermont, quitclaimed on the above land to Elijah Milliman of Pompey.[15] John and Margaret Clifford and Lyman and Abigail Brown signed theirs over to Theodosia for $1 sometime in

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[8] Dixon and LaPiana, "The Caswell Family," 14.

[9] Richmond, R.I., Probate Proceedings, 1: 127 (6 Aug. 1753), 128 (3 Sept. 1753).

[10] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 5 (Richmond): 15. See Frank J. Doherty, *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, 10 vols. (Pleasant Valley, N.Y.: the author, 1990–2003), 7: 937–39, for an account of William Bentley who murdered his second wife and his family.

[11] William J. Blake, *The History of Putnam County, New York* (New York: Baker and Scribner, 1849), 130.

[12] Revolutionary War Rolls on *Fold3.com*.

[13] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 13: 341; 22: 304; 23: 196. No deed where he acquired land in lot #73 appears in Berkshire County land records.

[14] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 38: 27; 46: 351.

[15] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 46: 350.

1803.[16] On 5 October 1803 Mary Lyman relinquished her claim.[17] No deed from John or Theodosia was recorded, but on 5 March 1805, John "Merriman," a minor above the age of 14 years, son of Wait "Merriman" late of Tyringham, chose [his brother-in-law] Lyman Brown as his guardian.[18] The 1810 deed from Ezra and Theodosia, mentioned above, said the land was in the part of Tyringham called Hop Brook. Elijah Milliman was living at Fabius, Onondaga County, when he finally sold the lot #19 land on 9 June 1814 for $700; a witness was John Milliman.[19]

John Milliman's petition for probate on Theodosia's estate in Onondaga County listed as heirs Margaret, wife of John Clifford; Abigail, wife of Lyman Brown; Polly, wife of Benjamin Brown; Freelove, wife of Benjamin Andrus; and John himself. Son Elijah and presumably daughter Theodosia were already deceased.[20]

Children of Wait and Theodosia (___) Milleman, all probably born in Tyringham:

i. **Margaret Milleman**, b. 15 March 1779; d. 22 May 1845,[21] aged 67 years [*sic*] 2 months, bur. at Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio;[22] m. about 1796,[23] **John Clifford**, b. at Providence, Providence Co., R.I., 8 July 1777,[24] son of John and Hannah (Sherman) Clifford.[25]

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[16] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 46: 351–53, the day and month missing, acknowledged by the Browns on 25 Jan. 1804 and by the Cliffords at Rensselaer Co., N.Y., on 22 Sept. 1804, recorded 5 March 1810.

[17] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 46: 351, recorded with Clark Bailey's deed, recorded 5 March 1810.

[18] Berkshire County Probate, 121: 320, indexed and recorded as "Merriman."

[19] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 55: 224.

[20] Dixon and LaPiana, "The Caswell Family," 14.

[21] G. Frederick Wright, *A Standard History of Lorain County*, 2 vols. (Chicago and New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1916), 2: 1029, "The mother of these children was born March 15, 1777, and died May 22, 1845."

[22] *Cemetery Inscriptions of Lorain County, Ohio* (Elyria, Ohio: Lorain County Historical Society, 1980), 453.

[23] Wright, *Lorain County*, 2: 1029, first child born 8 Sept. 1797.

[24] Wright, *Lorain County*, 2: 1029, says only 1777 and calls his wife Margaret *Williamson*, probably simply a misreading of "Milliman." An unpublished manuscript by Charles Thomas Clifford (Ypsilanti, Mich., 1928), copy in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS, 2, has the full date.

[25] Roy V. Sherman, *Some of the Descendants of Philip Sherman* (Akron, Ohio: the author, 1968), 101–02, lists Othniel, born 4 July 1773, John, and Christopher (without birth dates) as sons of John and Hannah (Sherman) Clifford of Exeter, R.I.; photograph of gravestone of Hannah Sherman, wife of John Clifford, d. 7 Dec. 1844, in the Sherman

He d. 17[26] or 19 Sept. 1869, aged 92, and was bur. at Wellington.[27] John married (2) in Medina County, Ohio, 9 Oct. 1845, Thankful (Chapman) Finney,[28] b. at Montgomery, Hampshire [now Hampden] Co., Mass., 29 Feb. 1792, dau. of Isaac and Thankful (Hoadley) Chapman.[29] She d. at Rochester, Lorain Co., 5 Nov. 1878, aged 66.[30]

ii. **Abigail Milleman**, b. ca. 1780; d. after 1860;[31] m. ca. 1799,[32] **Lyman Brown**, b. ca. 1769 and d. at Charlestown, Portage Co., Ohio 20 March 1847, aged 78.[33]

iii. **Mary "Polly" Milleman**, b. ca. 1781; d. 27 Sept. 1853, aged 72, bur. at Abbot Cemetery, Nelson, Portage Co.;[34] m. (1) by 1802, **Luther Lyman**;[35] m. (2) by 1831, **Benjamin Brown**,[36] b. in Mass. ca. 1780[37] or 1778, d. 4 March 1861, aged 83, bur. with Mary.[38]

iv. **Elijah Milleman**, b. ca. 1782; d. at Fowler, Trumbull Co., Ohio, 14 July 1826, aged 44;[39] m. **Phoebe Card**, b. at South Kingston 5

Burying Ground at Exeter, online at *findagrave.com*. Hannah's husband is often called "John Christopher Clifford" on various websites, but no record calling him that has been located. A Christopher Clifford and wife Waitee of Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., sold land in Exeter on 10 April 1812 (Exeter Land Evidence, 7:119). Note that Clark Bailey, mentioned above, possibly a relative, was also of Stephentown.

[26] Wright, *Lorain County*, 2: 1029.

[27] *Cemetery Inscriptions of Lorain County, Ohio*, 453.

[28] International Genealogical Index, extracted from Medina County Marriage Records on FHL 0,423,818.

[29] *Vital Records of Montgomery, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1902), 16 (birth), 45 (parents' intentions of marriage).

[30] Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997, database online at *FamilySearch.org*, from FHL 1,294,335, Lorain County Death Records, 2: 1334.

[31] 1860 U.S. Census, Charlestown, Portage Co., Ohio, roll 1025, p. 61, Abigail aged 80.

[32] Children were born at Tyringham 1800–1821 (*Vital Records of Tyringham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1903), 16–17.

[33] Michael Barren Clegg, *Portage County, Ohio, Newspaper Obituary Abstracts, 1825–1870* (Fort Wayne, Ind.: Naomi H. Clegg, 1982), 73, from the *Portage Sentinel*, 24 March 1847; Lorain County, Ohio, Probate, Wills, 3: 333 (will dated 27 March 1841, proved 11 May 1847); aged 70–80 in the 1840 U.S. Census, Charlestown, Portage Co., Ohio, roll 176, p. 422.

[34] Wife of Benjamin Brown, listed online at *findagrave.com*, no photograph attached.

[35] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 46: 351.

[36] Named as Polly, wife of Benjamin Brown, in the petition for probate on her mother's estate.

[37] 1850 U.S. Census, Nelson, Portage Co., Ohio, roll 722, p. 88, Benjamin, aged 70, Mary, 68, both born Mass.

[38] Listed on *findagrave.com* but no photograph online.

[39] Michael Barren Clegg, *Trumbull County, Ohio, Newspaper Obituary Abstracts* (Fort Wayne, Ind.: n.p., 1981), 14.

Nov. 1789, dau. of John and Sarah (Collins) Card.[40] She m. (2) in Trumbull Co., 1 Aug. 1828, Jonathan Viets.[41]

v. **Freelove Milleman**, b., possibly at Partridgefield [now Peru], Berkshire Co., 8 Jan. 1786;[42] d. 15 Nov. 1870,[43] bur. in LaPorte Cemetery, Grafton, Lorain Co.;[44] m. 13 June 1805, **Benjamin Andrus**,[45] b. at Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Vt., 16 Sept. 1783, son of Isaac and Truelove (Oatman) Andrus.[46] He d. 23 June 1866[47] and was bur. with Freelove.[48]

vi. **John Milleman**, b. ca. 1790;[49] d. in Oct. 1856,[50] bur., probably in Bruin Cemetery, Greene, Parke Co., Ind.;[51] m. ca. 1812, **Eliza Abbott**,[52] b. in Mass. ca. 1794,[53] dau. of James and Huldah (Sanford)

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[40] Maxine Phelps Lines, "Descendants of Richard Card," *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 4 [1981]: 113.

[41] Grace Marvin Winnagle, *Early Marriages of Trumbull County, Ohio, 1800–1865* (Trumbull Co.: Trumbull County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1973), 63.

[42] Family Bible of Moses Dimon, a transcription in possession of Cheryl Albert of LaPort, Ind.; transcription of an Andrus Family Register started by James Gardner of Fairfield, Vt., in 1842, supplied by Laura Anderson, copies of both transcriptions in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS.

[43] Family Bible of Moses Dimon; Andrus Family Register.

[44] Photograph of her gravestone at *findagrave.com*. It says only "1786–1870 Mother."

[45] Family Bible of Moses Dimon; Andrus Family Register.

[46] Harriet Andross Goodell, "John[2] Andrews of Ipswich, Mass., and Norwich, Conn., and Some of His Descendants," *Register* 70 [1916]: 111; Family Bible of Moses Dimon (says 1784); Andrus family register; Vermont State Vital Records.

[47] Moses Dimon Bible; Andrus Family Register.

[48] Photograph of his gravestone at *findagrave.com*, saying "1784–1866 Father."

[49] 1850 census (see below).

[50] Petition for partition, Parke Co. Court of Common Pleas, July Term, 1848, 268–86.

[51] Parke County, Indiana, website, says he was born 1790, d. "10 xx 1856," 10 being the month (*ingenweb.org/inparke/Cemeteries/GreeneTownshipBruinCemetery.htm*). The family erected a monument there in 1992.

[52] First child, John Sanford Millerman [*sic*], born 22 Feb. 1814 (Gloria B. Mayfield, "Cemeteries of Falls County Texas," online at *http://www.cemeteries-of-tx.com/Etx/Falls/cemetery/blueridge.htm*). In the 1820 census at Pompey, Onondaga Co., N.Y., John had five children under 16 as well as a female 16–26 (roll 67, p. 137), suggesting a marriage by 1812 if not before.

[53] Calculated from her age in the 1850 census (see below).

Abbott.[54] She d. 7 Jan. 1852[55] and was bur. with John.[56] John m. (2) in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., 23 Dec. 1852, **Abigail (____) Soucks**.[57] John bought land in Fabius, Onondaga Co., N.Y. 7 March 1814 and sold on 16 Sept. 1817; on 25 Oct. 1824 John and Elizabeth, of Pompey, Onondaga Co., sold more land.[58] In 1850 at Greene, Ind., John was aged 60, a farmer, with Eliza, 56, both b. Mass., John 23, George 21, and Sarah 17, all b. N.Y., Eliza 13, and James 12, both b. Ind.[59]

vii. **Theodosia Milleman**, b. about 1792; d. between 1802 and 1831,[60] perhaps before the 1803 deeds or before her brother John's 1805 guardianship.

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[54] Parke Co. Deeds, 3: 357–58, identifies the mother as Hulda Abbott. James Abbott of Sturbridge, Mass., married at Brookfield, Mass., 17 May 1793 Huldah Sanford (*Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 248, but Eliza's birth was not recorded in either town.

[55] Letter from John Milliman in Parke Co. to his son John Sanford Millerman [*sic*] in Falls Co., Texas, dated 9 April 1852, "Your mother died the 7th day of last January her sickness was the numb or dead palsy, it was three years six months seven days and about two hours from the time she was first taken till she died."

[56] Parke County, Indiana, website, as "MILLIMAN, Eliza ABBOTT."

[57] Tippecanoe Co., Ind., Marriage Records, v. 4–5 1850–1854 [FHL 872,049], indexed at *FamilySearch.org*.

[58] Onondaga Co. Deeds, U: 244; T: 399; EE: 160.

[59] 1850 U.S. Census, Greene, Parke Co., Ind., roll 164, p. 209.

[60] Named as an heir in 1802 but not named as a child in Theodosia's probate petition in 1831.

Nelson, Daniel
"Zoar Plantation," Berkshire County[1]

By Jon Wardlow

Daniel Nelson,[2] son of John and Elizabeth (Nelson) Nelson, was born at Brimfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, on 8 December 1753.[3] He died on 26 September 1829, aged 75, probably at his home in Florida, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He was buried as "Doctor Daniel Nelson" in a small burial ground on the bank of the Deerfield River, just south of the river's rapids, at what is now Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts.[4]

Daniel married on 7 September 1780, probably at "Zoar" or Charlemont [then in Hampshire County], **Relief Peirce**.[5] Relief was the daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Flagg) Peirce, born at Holden, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 2 April 1755.[6] She died at Florida on 6 September 1839[7] in her 85th year and was buried with her husband.[8]

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1 Even though the 1790 census page for "Zoar plantation" has been lost, Daniel Nelson's 18 Feb. 1789 and 12 April 1797 deeds both call him a resident of Zoar (Berkshire County, Mass., Deeds, North District, 5:203, 6: 17).

2 Prior research on this family appeared in Jon Wardlow, "Genealogy of Samuel Peirce, First Settler of Zoar, Massachusetts," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 161 [2007]: 127–37, 199–208, at 206–08.

3 *Vital Records of Brimfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1931), 111 (Daniel's birth), 224 (parents' marriage).

4 *Vital Records of Charlemont, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 152; photograph online at *findagrave.com*. This cemetery is now known as the Nelson Family Cemetery.

5 Wardlow, "Samuel Peirce," *Register* 161: 206.

6 *Vital Records of Holden, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1904), 72; Wardlow, "Samuel Peirce," *Register* 161: 132.

7 Florida, Massachusetts, Vital Records, 1: Deaths: 9, #43 (*Massachusetts Vital Records: Florida 1781–1900*, 6 fiches [Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1990]).

8 *Vital Records of Charlemont*, 152; photograph from the Nelson Family Cemetery online at *findagrave.com*.

Daniel Nelson was a physician.[9] He is considered the first settler of Florida.[10] In 1779 Daniel's family moved from South Brimfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, to the adjacent town of Stafford, Tolland County, Connecticut.[11] Daniel himself may have been living away from his parents, as one account says he arrived in northwestern Massachusetts "from Long Meadow."[12] Daniel must have moved to northwestern Massachusetts by 1780, where he met his wife-to-be.

In 1783[13] Daniel and his young family settled on the west bank of the Deerfield River in northeastern Berkshire County, a bit north of the river's rapids, on an eighty-acre parcel that had been granted to his late father-in-law in 1773.[14] At the time, this area was not yet within any town; it was a part of the large, unincorporated northeastern corner of Berkshire County and was informally known as "Zoar." In 1805 the part of Zoar north of Savoy and west of the Deerfield River became the town of Florida.[15]

On 18 February 1789, Daniel Nelson finally purchased from his brother-in-law fifty acres of the land where Daniel's family had been living.[16] By 1798, following a purchase of adjoining land, Daniel's holdings had grown to sixty-three acres.[17] At least one more purchase

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[9] Daniel Nelson's deeds, and the birth records of his children, call Daniel a physician. See Berkshire County Deeds, North District, 5: 203, 6: 17, 23: 556, and Florida Vital Records, 1: Births: 21–22, #50–59.

[10] Rev. David D. Field, "A History of the Town of Florida," in *A History of the County of Berkshire* . . . by Gentlemen in the County (Pittsfield, Mass.: Samuel W. Bush, 1829), 460–61 at 460.

[11] Daniel's father, "John Nelson of South Brimfield," purchased land in Stafford on 20 April 1779 (Stafford Deeds, 5: 114).

[12] Hamilton Child, *Gazetteer of Berkshire County, Mass., 1725–1885* (Syracuse: the author, 1885), 145–46.

[13] Field, "History of Florida," *History of the County of Berkshire*, 460.

[14] *Acts and Resolves Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts* (Boston: the Commonwealth, 1869–), Resolves, Etc., 1765–1774, 683–684.

[15] *Acts and Resolves*, Laws, May 1805–March 1806, 20.

[16] Berkshire County Deeds, North District, 6: 17, "part of a grant of Land granted by the Government of Massachusetts Bay to Samuel Peirce of s^{d} Zoar deceased, and is the same Land the said Nelson now lives on."

[17] Berkshire County Deeds, North District, 5: 203 (12 April 1797); *Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax*, database online at *AmericanAncestors.org*, from the original manuscript in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., 20: 695. Daniel's entry in the tax list came from List #5, "the Unincorporated Land East of Adams."

followed, on 25 January 1823.[18] Daniel appears in "Zoar" in the 1800 census and in Florida in the 1810 and 1820 censuses.[19]

Regarding military service, the prevailing view has been that Daniel Nelson served in the American Revolution. An 1893 account claims he was "a surgeon in the Revolutionary War, his service beginning at the battle of Bunker Hill."[20] Traditionally, he has been identified as the Daniel Nelson from Suffield, Hartford County, Connecticut, who served in the Boston area in 1775.[21] But this identification has issues. Daniel Nelson of Suffield married a Eunice Sheppard at Suffield on 26 October 1774,[22] but there has been no hint of an earlier marriage or earlier children for Daniel Nelson of Florida. The Suffield Daniel was not named among the Surgeons or Surgeon's Mates in his regiment; he was simply a private.[23] Lastly, since there was a large Nelson family at Suffield, it seems likely that Daniel of Suffield would be a member of that family, whereas Daniel of Florida was born to a Brimfield family. On the other hand, no Suffield parents have yet been found for the Suffield Daniel, and there is no record of his death or burial in that area. And if Daniel of Florida really did live for a time around Longmeadow, Hampshire County, then he could have easily had dealings in neighboring Suffield.

No probate could be found in Berkshire County for Daniel Nelson or his wife Relief. Three months after Daniel's death, his heirs executed five quitclaim deeds, dividing Daniel's land. The heirs named in these deeds were Daniel Nelson Jr., Abner Nelson, Mary Nelson, Relief Nelson, Madamoisalle Nelson, Robert Fife, "Loruhana Fife wife of the s[d] Robert," Joel Rice, "Ruth Rice wife of the s[d] Joel," and "Betsey Nelson guardian to the heirs of Thomas W. Nelson."[24]

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[18] Berkshire County Deeds, North District, 28: 254.

[19] 1800 U.S. Census, "Unincorporated Lands East of and Adjoining to Adams — Commonly called Zoar," Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 143; 1810 U.S. Census, Florida, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 173; 1820 U.S. Census, Florida, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 48, p. 93.

[20] *Annals of the Early Settlers' Association of Cuyahoga County* (Cleveland: the Association, 1880–) 3: 3 [1894]: 332, citing *[Cleveland] Leader*, 1 Dec. 1893.

[21] *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution. II. War of 1812. III. Mexican War* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood and Brainard, 1889), 22–23, 51–52.

[22] *Records of the Congregational Church in Suffield, Conn. (Except Church Votes) 1710–1836* (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1941), 134.

[23] *Record of Service of Connecticut Men*, 45, 52.

[24] Berkshire County Deeds, North District, 31: 209–12; 42: 46, all dated 23 or 24 Dec. 1829.

Children of Daniel and Relief (Peirce) Nelson, all recorded at Florida in 1859,[25] all but Elijah and Mary presumed born in the part of Zoar that became Florida:

i. **Elijah Nelson**, b., probably at Charlemont or Zoar, 25 Sept. 1781; d. at Florida 27 Sept. 1818,[26] aged 37, bur. with his parents.[27]

ii. **Mary Nelson**, b., probably at Charlemont or Zoar, 9 July 1783; d. 28 Oct. 1854, aged 71, bur. in Southview Cemetery, Adams [now North Adams], Berkshire Co.;[28] m., probably on 4 Aug. 1831, as his second wife, **Benjamin Phillips**,[29] b. at Smithfield, Providence Co., R.I., 2 July 1785, son of Rufus and Rebecca (Sheldon) Phillips.[30] He d. at Adams 29 July 1867, aged 82, a farmer,[31] and was bur. with Mary.[32]

iii. **Relief Nelson**, b. 15 Jan. 1785; d. unm. 4 Oct. 1852, probably at Florida;[33] bur. with her parents.[34]

iv. **Loruhamah Nelson**, b. 26 Oct. 1786; d. at Buckland, Franklin Co., 27 Feb. 1864, aged 77;[35] m. in 1809, **Robert Fife**,[36] b. at Bolton, Worcester Co., on 27 Sept. 1783, son of Robert and Hepzibah (Bush) Fife.[37] He d. 24 Nov. 1846.[38]

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[25] Florida Vital Records, 1: Births: 21–22, #50–59. These births were recorded in 1859, perhaps from a family Bible, along with children of Daniel, Abner, and Thomas Nelson and of Robert and Loruhamah (Nelson) Fife.

[26] Florida Vital Records, 1: Deaths: 7, #12.

[27] *Vital Records of Charlemont*, 152; photograph from Nelson Family Cemetery online at *findagrave.com*.

[28] *Berkshire Genealogist* (Pittsfield, Mass.: Berkshire Family History Assn.), 25 [2004]: 29, the date and age from her gravestone.

[29] Wardlow, "Samuel Peirce," *Register* 161: 207.

[30] Benjamin's birth date is from his gravestone (*Berkshire Genealogist*, 25: 29). His birthplace and father's name are from Benjamin's death record. His mother's maiden name is from his parents' marriage record (James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636–1850*, 21 vols. [Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912], 3 [Smithfield]: 59, 65). However, while three earlier children of Rufus and Rebecca, born 1778–1783, are recorded at Smithfield, Benjamin's birth is not (ibid., 3 [Smithfield]: 111).

[31] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 202: 22, old age.

[32] *Berkshire Genealogist* 25: 29; photograph from Southview Cemetery online at *findagrave.com*.

[33] Wardlow, "Samuel Peirce," *Register* 161: 207.

[34] Photograph from Nelson Family Cemetery online at *findagrave.com*.

[35] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 174: 286, numb palsy.

[36] John William Fyfe, "James Fyfe of Berlin, Mass., and His Descendants," *Register* 56 [1902]: 167–72 at 172.

[37] *Vital Records of Bolton, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1910), 28 (birth), 116, 128 (parents' marriage).

[38] Fyfe, "James Fyfe," *Register* 56: 172.

v. **Mademoiselle Nelson**, b. 28 June 1788; d. at Florida 12 Nov. 1872, aged 84 years 4 months 14 days, a housekeeper,[39] bur. with her parents;[40] m. 16 Nov. 1834, as his second wife, **Miles Tuttle**,[41] b. at North Haven, New Haven Co., Conn., on 3 Sept. 1792, son of Hezekiah and Mary (Turner) Tuttle.[42] He d. at Vernon, Tolland Co., 21 Aug. 1836, aged 44,[43] bur. in Old Dobsonville Cemetery, Vernon.[44]

vi. **Daniel Nelson**, b. 15 March 1790; d. at Rowe, Franklin Co., on 4 May 1873, aged 83 years 11 months 19 days, a farmer,[45] bur. in West Cemetery, Rowe;[46] m. at Rowe 18 May 1813, **Anna** or **Annis Sophia Shumway**,[47] b. at Rowe [then in Hampshire Co.] 9 May 1793, dau. of Benjamin and Eunice (Putnam) Shumway.[48] She d. at Rowe 26 July 1870, aged 77 years 2 months 12 days,[49] and is bur. with her husband.[50]

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[39] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 247: 36, dropsy.

[40] Photograph from Nelson Family Cemetery online at *findagrave.com*, inscribed "Sally Nelson wife of Miles Tuttle."

[41] George Frederick Tuttle, *The Descendants of William and Elizabeth Tuttle* (Rutland Vt.: Tuttle & Co., 1883), 228; Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 8 vols. (New Haven, 1922–32; repr. in 3 vols. with index, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 3: 1913.

[42] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing North Haven Vital Records, 2: 25 (birth and parents' marriage).

[43] "Deaths," *Connecticut Courant*, Hartford, Conn., 29 Aug. 1836, 3; Tuttle, *William and Elizabeth Tuttle*, 228.

[44] Charles R. Hale Collection, Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Vernon, 189.

[45] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 256: 336, old age.

[46] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), Rowe, West Cemetery Inscriptions, #570, which says 3 May 1873 and aged 83.

[47] Rowe, Massachusetts, Vital Records, "Intentions and Marriages 1820–1844" in *Massachusetts Vital Records: Rowe, 1774–1848*, 9 fiches (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), 85.

[48] Rowe Vital Records, "Births, Marriages, Deaths 1780–1836," 43 (omits birth date, but her name appears between siblings born in 1790 and 1795). Birth date is from Asahel Adams Shumway, *Genealogy of the Shumway Family in the United States of America* (New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1909), 224, 234, which calls her "Annis." Her mother's maiden name is from *Vital Records of Oxford, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905), 222, 232, and *Vital Records of Sutton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1907), 349.

[49] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 229: 298, called "Sophy," cholera morbus.

[50] Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III: Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, Rowe, West Cemetery, #569, which says 27 July 1870, aged 77.

vii. **Abner Nelson**, b. 9 July 1794, bur. in Monroe St. Cemetery, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 26 Sept. 1870, aged 78;[51] m. at Winchendon, Worcester Co., 28 Jan. 1818, **Catherine Whitcomb**,[52] b. there 21 July 1790, dau. of Israel and Eunice (Willson) Whitcomb,[53] bur. in Monroe St. Cemetery, 4 Sept. 1866, aged 76.[54]

viii. **Ruth Nelson**, b. 23 July 1798 [*sic*, more likely 1795];[55] d. at Cleveland 16 Aug. 1890;[56] m. by 1829, **Joel Rice**, b. at Hawley, Hampshire Co., 3 Nov. 1793, son of Jonas and Abigail (___) Rice.[57] He was living in Dover Twp., Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, in 1850.[58]

ix. **Thomas Wallis** or **Wallace Nelson**, b. 7 Aug. 1798; d. 21 Sept. 1825, aged 27, probably at Florida, bur. with his parents;[59] m., perhaps at Adams, 11 March 1819, **Betsey Luther**,[60] b. at Adams ca. 5 Jan. 1800, dau. of Eber and Cassandra (Wheeler) Luther. She d., as the wife of John King at Cheshire, Berkshire Co., on 2 May 1864, aged 64 years 3 months 27 days.[61]

Jon Wardlow is an engineer living in Columbus, Indiana.

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[51] City of Cleveland, Register of Interments, Monroe Street Cemetery, 1: 58, #6757, old age.

[52] *Vital Records of Winchendon, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 144, 172, Abner "of Florida."

[53] *Vital Records of Winchendon*, 82 (birth); *Vital Records of Bolton*, 184, 188 (parents' marriage).

[54] City of Cleveland, Register of Interments, Monroe Street Cemetery, 1: 28, #5601, old age.

[55] Wardlow, "Samuel Peirce," *Register* 161: 208.

[56] *Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, database online at *FamilySearch.org*, extracted from Cuyahoga Co., Ohio Deaths, vol. 6, #11475 [FHL 0,879,244].

[57] Hawley, Massachusetts, Town Records, 1: 349 (*Massachusetts Vital Records: Hawley 1727–1892*, 27 fiches [Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1989]). A paragraph about Jonas and Abigail in William Giles Atkins, *History of the Town of Hawley* (West Cummington, Mass.: the author, 1887), 54, omits Joel in the list of children, but there is a gap between 1790 and 1796. *A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants*, by the Edmund Rice Association (Rutland, Vt.: Charles E. Tuttle Co., 1970), 282, also does not include Joel.

[58] 1850 U.S. Census, Dover, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, roll 673, p. 221.

[59] *Vital Records of Charlemont*, 152; photograph from Nelson Family Cemetery online at *findagrave.com*.

[60] Wardlow, "Samuel Peirce," *Register* 161: 208.

[61] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 174: 32, consumption, her birthplace, husband, and parents named.

Pepper, Jacob Sr.

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Ware, Hampshire County[1]

By Connie Riley

Jacob Pepper Sr. was born at Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 7 April 1733, son of Joseph and Anna (Youngman) Pepper.[2] He was baptized in the First Congregational Church at Woodstock, Windham County, Connecticut, on 8 April 1733.[3] (Woodstock is just southwest of Dudley.) He died at New Braintree, Worcester County, on 17 April 1812,[4] aged 79.[5] Jacob's mother, Anna (Youngman) Pepper, was the daughter of Francis and Ann (Fisher) (Heath) Youngman.[6]

Jacob married (1) at Hardwick, Worcester County, on 28 February 1754, **Abigail Foster**.[7] She was baptized at Grafton, Worcester

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Ware, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 643.

2 *Vital Records of Dudley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1908), 92 (birth); *[Twenty-Eighth] Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, Containing the Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1751* (Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1898), 317 (marriage of Joseph Peper and Anna Youngman, Roxbury, 15 Dec. 1720); Emily Clark Landon, *Pepper Genealogy; Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Pepper of Roxbury, Massachusetts* (Angola, N.Y.: the author, 1932), 22–27.

3 "Woodstock, Connecticut, First Congregational Church Records, Vols. I and II, 1727–1827, copied from the original under the supervision of Mary Kingsbury Talcott, Registrar, Colonial Dames of America in the State of Connecticut" (1938), transcript at the Connecticut Historical Society, 23.

4 *Vital Records of New Braintree, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 150.

5 Henry Dickinson Woods, "Deaths in New Braintree," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 62 [1908]: 17.

6 David Youngman, M.D., *Genealogy and Biographical Sketches of the Youngman Family* (Boston: George H. Ellis, 1882), 8; James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, 4 vols. (Boston, 1860–62; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), 4: 671–72.

7 *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 223, Jacob of New Braintree.

County, on 17 October 1736, daughter of John and Eunice (Hardy) Foster.[8] She died at New Braintree on 29 December 1800, aged 67.[9] Jacob married (2) at New Braintree on 24 June 1802, **Sarah (___) Marrett** or **Merrett**.[10] She was born about 1747 and died at New Braintree 27 February 1803, aged 56.[11] Jacob married (3) at Greenwich, Hampshire County, on 11 August 1803, **Sarah (Morton) Patterson** of Greenwich,[12] widow of William Patterson.[13]

Jacob Pepper was one of the first settlers of New Braintree.[14] On 20 March 1749 he signed a petition that was submitted to the proprietors of New Braintree by several inhabitants seeking their approval to petition the General Court to be established as a distinct township with parts of Hardwick and Brookfield.[15]

Jacob Pepper served as a private in Capt. Thomas Whipple's Company, Col. James Converse's Regiment for three days. The company marched toward Providence on an alarm in July 1777, the roll dated New Braintree.[16]

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[8] *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass., Franklin P. Rice, 1906), 55, her name spelled "Unice." That these are the correct parents may be inferred from the Revolutionary War pension of Abigail's brother Joseph's son John, who declared that he was born 3 Sept. 1757, that Jacob Pepper of New Braintree was his uncle, that Jacob's son Isaac Pepper was his friend, and that they enlisted together (Revolutionary War Pension, S16118). Joseph, son of John and "Unece" was b. at Stow, Mass., 3 June 1730 (*Vital Records of Stow, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: NEHGS, 1911], 35). Abigail's mother's maiden name was Hardy (H. Claude Hardy and Rev. Noah Hardy, *Hardy and Hardie, Past and Present* [White Plains, N.Y.: the authors, 1935], 376).

[9] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 151, named only as "w. Jacob."

[10] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 106; intentions at Greenwich 5 June 1802, her name transcribed as "Widow Sarah Merrett" (Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Ware Vital Records, #45).

[11] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 150.

[12] Walter E. Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), also online at *AmericanAncestors.org*, Ware Vital Records, #20, and Vital Statistics, from church records, #48; Massachusetts State Society, DAR, "Greenwich Massachusetts Vital Records Prior to 1850," typescript (1956–1952), 52, intentions 3 July 1803, Jacob of New Braintree and both [*sic*] of Greenwich; *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 106, intentions 18 July 1803.

[13] "Greenwich Vital Records," 21, intentions of Sarah Morton of Ware and William Patterson 3 Dec. 1785, certificate 5 Jan. 1786.

[14] Landon, *Pepper Genealogy*, 25.

[15] Account of the Observance of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of New Braintree, Massachusetts, June 19, 1901, 1751–1901 (Worcester, Mass.: Charles Hamilton, 1902), 20–21; Massachusetts State Archives, Massachusetts Archives Collection (1629–1799), 115 (Towns, 1742–1751): 480.

[16] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the*

By 21 February 1776 Jacob's father or brother Joseph was living in "the District of Ware" when he purchased ninety-eight acres on the Swift River there from John Read. Joseph mortgaged it back to Read on the same day.[17] But Jacob himself acquired no land there until 19 February 1789, when the sheriff auctioned off thirty-two acres. Jacob paid 1*s* 3*d* per acre, for a total of 40*s*. At that point Jacob was "of Ware,"[18] but only a few years later, on 23 November 1792, he was "of New Braintree" when he sold about nineteen acres in Ware.[19] In both 1800 and 1810 Jacob was enumerated at New Braintree.[20]

Jacob was "of New Braintree" when he made his will on 13 January 1802; it was proved on 7 July 1812. He named daughter Anna Marsh and sons Isaac, Stephen, and Jacob, the latter to be executor.[21]

Children of Jacob and Abigail (Foster) Pepper, all born at New Braintree:

i. **Anna Pepper,** b. ca. 1754; d., probably at Ware,[22] 7 Oct. 1822, aged 68;[23] m. at New Braintree 12 Feb. 1788, **Jonathan Marsh,**[24] b. at Ware 26 April 1752, son of Judah and Hannah (Olmstead) Marsh.[25] He d. 16 Sept. 1838, aged 86, and was bur. in Ware North Cemetery.[26]

Revolution, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 12: 130. The author has a transcript of an old newspaper article dated 1869, about a reunion of the descendants of Jacob Pepper Sr.

17 Hampshire County Deeds (housed in Hampden County), 14: 295–96.

18 Hampshire County Deeds, 3: 561.

19 Hampshire County Deeds, 10: 297.

20 1800 U.S. Census, New Braintree, Worcester Co., Mass., roll 16, p. 311; 1810, New Braintree, roll 22, p. 914.

21 Worcester County Probate, 41: 379.

22 In 1820 Jonathan "Mash" was enumerated at Ware (1820 U.S. Census, Ware, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 50, p. 162), and in 1830 he was probably the male aged 70–80 listed with his son Foster Marsh at Ware (roll 64, p. 523).

23 Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, "Notes on Ware History and Families," #43.

24 *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 105, says only "Jonathan S[torn]." Dwight Whitney Marsh, *Marsh Genealogy* (Amherst, Mass: Carpenter & Morehouse 1895), 237.

25 Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, "Notes on Ware History and Families," #43, says b. 26 April 1752, citing the 1895 Marsh genealogy, but Marsh, *Marsh Genealogy*, 234, 237, says he was born 7 May 1752, perhaps compensating for the change to New Style dating later that year.

26 Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, "Notes on Ware History and Families," #43, 84, 313.

ii. **Isaac Pepper,** b. 15 June 1756;[27] d. at Ware 15 May 1819, aged 62;[28] m. at Hardwick, Worcester Co., 12 May 1780,[29] **Mary Chipman,** b. at Eastham, Barnstable Co., Mass., 1 Sept. 1756, dau. of William and Martha (Treat) Chipman.[30] She d. at Monson, Hampden Co., Mass., 15 June 1839, aged 82 or 83, and was bur. in West Main St. Cemetery in Monson.[31]

iii. **Jacob Pepper,** b. ca. 1758;[32] d. at New Braintree 4 Jan. 1832, aged 74,[33] bur. in Southwest Cemetery at New Braintree;[34] m. at New Braintree 26 May 1785, **Mary Marsh**.[35] Mary was of Ware, b. 1761 [*sic*], dau. of Ephraim Marsh,[36] and was probably the dau. Mary bp. at Ware 8 July 1759, dau. of Ephraim and Sarah (Olmstead) Marsh.[37] She d. at New Braintree 14 March 1841, aged 80.[38] This

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[27] National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, *DAR Patriot Index*, 3 vols. (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 2003), 3: 2090.

[28] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Vital Statistics from church records, #68; NSDAR, *Patriot Index*, 3: 2090.

[29] *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 223, Isaac of New Braintree.

[30] Susan E. Roser, *Mayflower Deeds & Probates from the Files of George Ernest Bowman*, (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994), 33. The will of William Chipman identifies daughter Mary Pepper as wife of Isaac of Hardwick; Susan E. Roser, *Mayflower Births & Deaths, From the Files of George Ernest Bowman at the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992), 2:147–48, lists Mary as their daughter with no birth date. Their next child, William, was b. at Wellfleet 3 Dec. 1767; George Ernest Bowman, "Eastham and Orleans, Mass., Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 16: 31 (birth and parents' marriage). Alberto Lee Chipman, *The Chipman Family* (Winston-Salem, N.C.: B. L. Chipman, 1920), 40–41. Although it has been said that Mary was born in Wellfleet, that town was still the North Precinct of Eastham until 1763.

[31] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume II: Records of Hampden County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), also online at *AmericanAncestors.org*, Monson, Inscriptions, #163, and Monson Vital Records, #2720.

[32] Calculated from his age at death on his gravestone and in New Braintree vital records; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, "Notes on Ware History and Families," #57.

[33] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 150, called "eighth Deacon."

[34] Photograph at *Findagrave.com*.

[35] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 106; intentions at Ware 7 May 1785 (Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Ware Vital Records, #38); Landon, *Pepper Genealogy*, 44.

[36] Landon, *Pepper Genealogy*, 44.

[37] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, in Ware Vital Statistics, from church records, #4; Marsh, *Marsh Genealogy*, 235, which makes Mary first cousin of Jacob's sister Anna's husband, Judah and Ephraim being brothers.

[38] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 150, widow of Deacon Jacob.

was probably the Jacob Pepper Jr. who served as a private in Capt. Francis Stone's Company, Col. James Converse's Worcester Co. Regiment, for three days "on an alarm at Bennington in Aug., 1777."[39] He served as the eighth deacon at Ware.[40]

iv. **Stephen Pepper,** b. ca. 1762;[41] d. at Ware 11 Nov. 1809, aged 47,[42] bur. at Ware North Cemetery;[43] m. (intentions at Greenwich 28 March 1788[44] and at New Braintree 14 April 1788), **Sarah Simonds**,[45] b. at Ware 19 March 1766, dau. of Jotham and Mary (Wilder) Simonds.[46] She d. at Ware 1 Nov. 1862, aged 96 years 7 months 13 days,[47] and was bur. in Ware North Cemetery.[48]

Connie Riley, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, but currently lives in Airlie Beach, Queensland, Australia. She is a descendant Robert Pepper of Roxbury on her paternal line and of the Mayflower *Pilgrims John Howland and Richard Warren.*

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[39] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 12: 130.

[40] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, "Notes on Ware History and Families," #57; Landon, *Pepper Genealogy*, 44.

[41] George Norbury Mackenzie, *Colonial Families of the United States of America*, 7 vols. (1912; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1995), 7: 384.

[42] Ware Vital Records, Office of Town Clerk, 1: 49; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Ware Vital Records, #162, and in Vital Statistics from church records, #64.

[43] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Cemetery Inscriptions, #331.

[44] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Ware Vital Records, #35.

[45] *Vital Records of New Braintree*, 106, called "Salley Simond."

[46] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Ware Vital Records, #169 (birth, father's name spelled "Jothen"); Belchertown Vital Records, #71 (parents' marriage).

[47] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 157: 81, her parents called Jotham and Hannah, the mother's name surely an error.

[48] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Cemetery Inscriptions, #331.

Perry, Joseph
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Sunderland, Hampshire County[1]

By Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG

Joseph Perry was born at Woburn, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, 3 July[2] and baptized at Lexington, Middlesex County, 15 July 1750,[3] son of Joseph and Mary (Locke) Perry. He died at Rockingham, Windham County, Vermont, 20 November 1819, aged 67 [*sic*], and was buried in the Saxton's River Cemetery there.[4]

He married, intentions filed at Woburn 30 November 1776,[5] **Sarah Pollard**. She was born about 1743, died at Rockingham 9 July 1832, aged 89 [*sic*], and was buried in Saxton's River Cemetery.[6] This is almost certainly the Sarah Pollard born at Billerica, Middlesex County, 1 July 1744, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (___) Pollard.[7]

Joseph would have been part of the family when his parents, who had been living on Noddles Island[8] in Boston, Suffolk County, were warned

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Sunderland, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 529.

2 Edward F. Johnson, *Woburn Records of Birth, Death and Marriage from 1640 to 1873*, 10 vols. (Woburn and Boston: 1890–91), 1: 192 (birth), 10: 133 (marriage intentions of parents); Bertram Adams, *An Incomplete History of the Descendants of John Perry of London, 1604–1954* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah Printing Co., 1955), 22.

3 *Lexington, Mass., Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths to January 1, 1898* (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1898), 59.

4 Vermont State Vital Records, two cards, for town record of death and cemetery.

5 Johnson, *Woburn Records*, 10: 133.

6 Vermont State Vital Records, two cards, for town record of death and cemetery, both of which identify her as wife of Joseph, even though she was several years his senior.

7 *Vital Records of Billerica, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1908), 151. According to Maurice Pollard, *History of the Pollard Family in America*, 2 vols. (Dover, N.H., 1961–64), 1: 128, 186, 193, Nathaniel's son Benjamin lived at Greenfield and Antrim, N.H. Four of Sarah's siblings born at Billerica also married at Woburn.

8 George Sheldon, *History of Deerfield, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Greenfield, Mass.: E. A.

out of Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 2 May 1760.[9] On 3 January 1769 Joseph's uncle, Joseph Lock of Shutesbury, Hampshire County [now in Franklin County, Massachusetts], husbandman, sold to Joseph Perry of Worcester, husbandman, 120 acres at Sunderland, Massachusetts,[10] but no sale of that land seems to have been recorded in county records. Joseph Perry and Joseph Perry Jr. were taxed at Worcester in 1771, each for one poll. Joseph Jr. had no other property.[11]

Joseph apparently returned as an adult to the town of Woburn, from which town he served in the Revolution and where he published intentions of marriage. This was the Joseph Perry who served in the train band of the First Woburn Company as of 30 April 1775. Lt. Joseph Perry served in Capt. Jonas Richardson's Company, Col. James Frye's First Regiment, according to a company return dated in October 1775.[12] Richardson was from Woburn.[13] This Joseph Perry was living at Rockingham when he applied for a pension on 14 April 1818, saying that he received a commission as lieutenant from Col. James Frye the day after the battle at Concord. According to his testimony, he served under Capt. Richardson until the fall of 1778, then "went a cruise" on a privateer for about six months. When he returned, he was in Capt. Joshua Read's Company, Col. Howe's Massachusetts Regiment, for nine months. Finally he "went to the recruiting service" for about a year. However, he did not give his age or later residences or any family information in his deposition.[14]

As noted above, in 1790 Joseph Perry was at Sunderland with a count in the census that matches his family. From 1788 through 1792 Joseph, sometimes called "Lt. Perry," served the town of Sunderland as packer of meats.[15] No births of children appear in Sunderland vital records, and there are no extant church records.

Hall, 1895–96), 2: 85. Adams, *John Perry*, 22, calls it "Noodle's Island." Today it is part of East Boston.

[9] Francis E. Blake, *Worcester County, Massachusetts, Warnings, 1737–1788* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992), 90.

[10] Hampshire County Deeds (at Hampden County), 12: 59.

[11] Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1998), 0462–0611 and 0462–820.

[12] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 12: 214.

[13] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 13: 250–51.

[14] Revolutionary War Pension file, Joseph Perry, S41,062.

[15] Sunderland Town Records, Meetings & Misc., ca. 1757–1816 (Family History Library film 886,459, item 4), 150, 157, 160, and in a newly numbered section, 163, 169.

By 18 June 1798 Joseph was at Greenfield, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, when he and Samuel Blasdel, both of Greenfield, purchased from Isaac Lord lot #101 in Greenfield. However, they turned around and sold the 190 acres on 2 November 1798, their wives Sarah and Molly signing.[16] No other land transaction for Joseph appears in Hillsborough County records.

Although they had been there since at least 1800, when they were enumerated in the census,[17] on 13 November 1804 Joseph Perry and family were warned out of Springfield, Windsor County, Vermont.[18]

On 15 July 1806 Joseph, Sarah, and Cressy Perry were warned out of Rockingham,[19] a technicality that meant only that the town would not support them if they fell on hard times. In 1810 at Rockingham, Joseph Perry and a female were over 45 and there was a female 16–26 in their household.[20]

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Pollard) Perry:[21]

i. **Gates Perry**, b. at Sunderland ca. 1777[22] (probably correct) or ca. 11 March 1780 (age at death); d. at Saxton's River at Rockingham 14 Aug. 1858, aged 78 years 5 months 3 days;[23] m. (1) **Mary Fletcher**,[24] b. at Greenfield in 1777, dau. of Philip and Mary (Harper) Fletcher.[25] Mary d. at Saxton's River in 1850,[26] probably

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[16] Hillsborough Co. Deeds, 47: 4, 505.

[17] 1800 U.S. Census, Springfield, Windsor Co., Vt., roll 52, p. 331, a male 10–16, one 16–26, one over 45, a female under 10, one 10–16, one 16–26, and one over 45.

[18] Alden M. Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Out*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1995–1997), 1: 388.

[19] Thomas Bellows Peck, *Vital Records of Rockingham, Vermont . . . and Records of the First Church of Rockingham, Vermont* (Boston: George E. Littlefield, 1908, and David Clapp & Son, 1902, repr. Genealogical Society of Vermont, Special Publication No. 3, 1994), 99.

[20] 1810 U.S. Census, Rockingham, Windham Co., Vt., roll 65, p. 344.

[21] Rev. W. R. Cochrane, *History of the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire* (Manchester, N.H.: Mirror Steam Printing Press, 1880), 643, names all four children.

[22] Cochrane, *History of Antrim*, 643, says he was born at Greenfield in 1777, but his own death record says Sunderland; Lyman Simpson Hayes, *History of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont* (Bellows Falls, Vt.: The Town, 1907), 725, says he was born in Mass. in 1777.

[23] Vermont State Vital Records, son of Joseph. Cochrane, *History of Antrim*, 643, says 1858; Hayes, *History of Rockingham*, 725, says in S.R. [Saxton's River] 13 Aug. 1858.

[24] Cochrane, *History of Antrim*, 643.

[25] Edward Hatch Fletcher, *Fletcher Family History: The Descendants of Robert Fletcher of Concord, Mass.* (Boston: Rand, Avery & Co., 1881), 258.

[26] Hayes, *History of Rockingham*, 725, which treats all their children.

after 12 Aug.[27] Gates m. (2) at Rockingham 13 April 1851, **Sally Wiley** of Rockingham,[28] b. in Vt. perhaps ca. 1805.[29] On 16 March 1807 Gates, Polly, Polly 2d, and Gates Jr. were warned out of Rockingham.[30] In 1850 at Rockingham, Gates Perry was aged 72, born in Mass., with Mary, 72, born in N.H., and Aurilla Fay, 33, born in Vt.[31]

ii. **Eunice Perry**, b. at Woburn [*sic*, but probably Sunderland] 26 Nov. 1780,[32] or, more likely, 1785;[33] d. at Peterborough, Hillsborough Co., N.H., 31 March 1851, aged 70;[34] m. at Greenfield, Hillsborough Co., N.H., 10 Dec. 1801 **Oliver Mears**, both being of Greenfield,[35] b. at Easton, Bristol Co., Mass., 26 Nov. 1777,[36] possibly son of John and Anne (___) (Wise) Mears.[37] Oliver d. at Peterborough 23 June 1857, aged 80.[38] In 1806 Oliver was "of Hancock," Hillsborough Co., N.H., and in 1808 and 1811 "of Rockingham," Vermont.[39] In 1820 Oliver "Meers" was at Goffstown, Hillsborough Co., with a male 5–10, himself and a female 26–45.[40] In 1850 Oliver Mears, a

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[27] 1850 census (see below).

[28] Vermont State Vital Records. Sally was probably a widow. Hayes, *History of Rockingham*, 789–93, treats the children of Robert and Abigail (Campbell) Wiley of Rockingham, born 1795–1810, but none of the sons had a widow Sally. A Sarah (Houghton) Perry, born at Rockingham ca. 17 Jan. 1805, died at Chittenden, Rutland Co., Vt., 4 June 1882, aged 77 years 4 months 18 days, her mother's maiden name Price (Vermont State Vital Records).

[29] In 1850 at Rockingham, Sally Wiley was 45, owning $600 in real estate (roll 929, p. 348). But in 1840 at Rockingham, Sally Wiley was 40–50 (roll 547, p. 110).

[30] Peck, *Vital Records of Rockingham* . . ., 106. Births of four more children on p. 155.

[31] 1850 U.S. Census, Rockingham, Windham Co., Vt., roll 929, p. 345, taken 12 Aug.

[32] Albert Smith, *The History of Peterborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire* (Boston: G. H. Ellis, 1876), Appendix, 143.

[33] 1850 census (see below). She would have been the female age 10–16 in 1800.

[34] Peterborough Vital Records [Family History Library film 2,166,969, item 2], 1: 2.

[35] Greenfield Town Records, state transcript [Family History Library film 015,153], 1: 42, her name as "Unis Parey."

[36] Smith, *The History of Peterborough*, Appendix, 143.

[37] John Mears and Mrs. Anne Wise, both of Easton, married there 8 April 1773 (Easton Vital Records [FHL 1,059,951], 128). In 1790 at Easton, John Meers had besides himself, a male and two females (1790 U.S. Census, Easton, Bristol Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 209). On 2 Nov. 1819 Calvin Brett of Easton was made guardian of John Meers, a spendthrift (Bristol Co. Probate, 56: 254).

[38] Peterborough Vital Records [Family History Library film 2,166,969, item 2], 1: 11.

[39] Rockingham, Vt., Deeds, 3: 120, 330, 483.

[40] 1820 U.S. Census, Goffstown, Hillsborough Co., N.H., roll 61, p. 772.

farmer, 72, and Eunice, 65, both born Mass., lived in Peterborough.[41]

iii. **Franklin Perry**, b. ca. 1784; d. at Bedford, Hillsborough Co., 29 Oct. 1825, aged 41;[42] m. at Greenfield 8 Jan. 1809, **Anna Straw** of Peterborough,[43] b. at Hopkinton, Merrimack Co., N.H., 4 Nov. 1790, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Pollard) Straw.[44] Anna d. at Antrim, Hillsborough Co., 1 March 1872, aged 81.[45] On 13 March 1807, Franklin Perry was warned out of Rockingham.[46]

iv. **Crucia** or **Cressy [Lucretia?] Perry**, b. 1794–1800;[47] living 1806.

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[41] 1850 U.S. Census, Peterborough, Hillsborough Co., N.H., roll 433, p. 345.

[42] Cochrane, *History of Antrim*, 643; *New-Hampshire Patriot*, 28 Nov. 1825, p. 3, says "In Bedford, Mr. Franklin Perry, aged about 45."

[43] Greenfield Town Records, state transcript [Family History Library film 015,153], 2: 171; Cochrane, *History of Antrim*, 643.

[44] Hopkinton Town Records, state transcript [Family History Library film 015,182], 4: 381; Johnson, *Woburn Records*, 3: 213 (parents' marriage at Woburn 29 May 1776). Samuel Straw of Peterborough, N.H., named wife Abigail and daughter Anna Straw, among other children, in his will dated 5 Nov. 1806, proved 15 Dec. 1807 (Hillsborough Co. Probate, 15: 182).

[45] Cochrane, *History of Antrim*, 643.

[46] Peck, *Vital Records of Rockingham . . .*, 103.

[47] She was under 10 in the 1800 census and 16–26 in the 1810 census.

Pittsinger, John
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Westhampton, Hampshire County[1]

By Virginia Leeds (Pittsinger) Shafer

John Pittsinger[2] was born at Dudenhofen, Hesse-Cassel, Germany, on 22 March 1751, the son of Johann Caspar and Maria Katharina (Funk) Petzinger.[3] He died at Westhampton on 19 or 20 September 1823, aged 72.[4]

John married at Westhampton on 23 October 1783, **Rhoda French**.[5] She was born, perhaps at Braintree, Norfolk County,

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[1] Westhampton, Hampshire, Mass.; roll 4; p. 641

[2] His name is written as John Pottinger in the census, John Potsinger on his marriage record, and John Petsinger in his obituary. Other spellings are found on land records and other census reports.

[3] Church records of Dudenhofen, Germany, obtained from Manfred Resch, town historian of Dudenhofen. Bicentennial Genealogy Committee, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield, Massachusetts, 1762–1962* (Northampton, Mass.: Gazette Print Co., 1962), 284, says he was was born as Johannnes Petzinger at "Hesse Castle in Germany." The modern town of Dudenhofen has been combined politically with four other little towns to form the administrative town of Rodgau at Hesse, Germany.

[4] Obituary of John Petsinger, *Hampshire Gazette*, 24 September 1823, says 19 Sept. and that he was "a native of Hesse Cassel and was taken prisoner of the Americans at the Bennington battle"; Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), from Westhampton First Congregational Church records, 121, which says 20 Sept., [aged] 72 in March and "He walked out yesterday," apparently meaning that he had died the day before.

[5] Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800*, 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1897–1914; repr. 3 vols. in 1, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 3:175; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, from Westhampton, Vital Records, 1770–1844, 20, and First Congregational Church Records, 141.

Massachusetts, ca. 1761, the daughter of Abiathar and Margaret (Niles) French.[6] She died at Westhampton 4 January 1831.[7]

Johannes Petzinger was a German Hessian soldier who fought for the British in the Revolutionary War. He was a cannoneer in the Hesse-Hanau artillery[8] and was captured at the battle of Bennington, Vermont, on 22 August 1777. He was a prisoner of war until 1783.[9] After his marriage, he was referred to as John Pittsinger. He purchased land at Westhampton from Solomon Stoddard on 11 October 1787 and another forty-six acres from Abiathar French on 19 December 1793.[10] He was a farmer and carpenter at Westhampton and in his will, dated 9 May 1821 and proved 4 November 1823, left his farm and woodlots to his wife Rhoda and sons William, Jonathan, and John.[11]

Children of John and Rhoda (French) Pittsinger, all born at Westhampton:[12]

i. **John Pittsinger**, b. ca. April 1784; d. at Westhampton 23 or 24 Nov. 1784, aged 7 months.[13]

ii. **John Pittsinger**, b. 14 Sept. 1785; d. at Westhampton 7 or 8 June 1845, aged 60;[14] m. (1) at Westhampton 3 Oct. 1805, **Mary**

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[6] John Adams Vinton, *The Vinton Memorial, Comprising a Genealogy of the Descendants of John Vinton of Lynn, 1648* (Boston: S. K. Whipple & Co., 1858), 35, 351, which has no given name for Abiathar's wife. Margaret, wife of Abiathar French, died at Westhampton in 1794, aged 60 (Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, Westhampton, First Congregational Church Records, 104.

[7] Obituary of Rhoda Petsinger, *Hampshire Gazette*, 12 January, 1831; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Hampshire County*, from Westhampton First Congregational Church records, 130, says "Widow Rhoda Pittsinger Etis 70 relict of John Pittsinger Diabatis & lingering decline" on 4 Jan. 1831.

[8] Bruce Burgoyne, translator, *Georg Pausch's Journal and Reports of the Campaign in America* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Press, 1996), introduction, no page numbers. See also *History and Genealogy of Chesterfield*, 284. "Although it was a fairly widespread practice at the time to rent out troops to other princes, it was the Landgraves of Hesse-Kassel who became infamous for hiring out contingents of their army as mercenaries during the 17th and 18th centuries. . . . This force served as a source of mercenaries for other European states" (*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hesse-Kassel*).

[9] Obituary of John Petsinger, *Hampshire Gazette*, 24 September 1823.

[10] Hampshire County Deeds, 5: 289; 6: 532. There are several other land records for him.

[11] Hampshire County Probate, Box 115, no. 6, recorded at 34: 471.

[12] Westhampton, Massachusetts Vital Records, 20, for all except the first child.

[13] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County*, Westhampton, First Congregational Church Records, 102.

[14] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County*, Westhampton, First Congregational Church Records, 1779–1874, 71, 1845, June 8, John Pittsinger, influenza, 60; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 20: 189, says 7 June, spinal disease.

"Polly" Shaw,[15] b. at Chesterfield, Hampshire Co., 13 March 1781,[16] dau. of Asa and Hannah (Vinton) Shaw. She d. 1 April 1834.[17] John m. (2) **Rispah (Curtis) Walcott**, b. 4 June 1792, dau. of Luther and Rebecca (Bisbee) Curtis, and widow of Luther Walcott.[18] She d. at Northampton, Hampshire Co., 27 March 1867, aged 74 years 9 months.[19]

iii. **William Pittsinger**, b. 21 Aug. 1787; d. at Chesterfield 13 March 1863;[20] m. (1) at Westhampton 14 April 1808, **Sally Whitcomb**,[21] b. at Williamsburg, Hampshire Co., 26 Sept. 1791, dau. of James and Anna Waldo (Hunt) Whitcomb.[22] She d. after 1 June 1830.[23] William m. (2) at Chesterfield 5 July 1834, **Mercy (Sampson) Clapp** "of Norwich" [now Huntington],[24] Hampshire Co., b. at Norwich ca. Sept. 1794, dau. of Nelson and Marie (___) Sampson,[25] and widow of Justus Sheldon Clapp of Norwich.[26] She d. at Williamsburg 29 Oct. 1885, aged 91 years 1 month, and was bur. in Haydenville Cemetery, Haydenville, Hampshire Co.[27]

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[15] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County*, Westhampton Vital Records, 58; First Congregational Church Records, Westhampton, 146.

[16] *History and Genealogy of Chesterfield*, 326–27, called "Molley," b. "13 March 1781 (or 1783)"; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Chesterfield Families to 1852, 154A; Vinton, *Vinton Memorial*, 157.

[17] *History and Genealogy of Chesterfield*, 284.

[18] *History and Genealogy of Chesterfield*, 116; Arthur Stuart Walcott, *The Walcott Book* (Salem, Mass.: Sidney Perley, 1925), 93, which says Luther Walcott married Rispah Curtis on 5 May 1815.

[19] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 203: 60.

[20] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 166: 5, consumption, farmer, b. Westhampton, son of John and Rhoda.

[21] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Westhampton, Mass., Vital Records, 58, and First Congregational Church Records, 143.

[22] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Williamsburg Vital Records, OB: 16½, dau. of James and Anna; Charlotte Whitcomb, *The Whitcomb Family in America* (Minneapolis, Minn.: the author, 1904), 80.

[23] Sally signed a deed on May 9, 1829 (Hampshire County Deeds, 62:229). A woman of her age was in William's household in the 1830 U.S. Census, Westhampton, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 64, p. 439, taken as of 1 June.

[24] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Chesterfield Vital Records, 287; *History and Genealogy of Chesterfield*, 284, says "15 July 1834, Mrs. Mercy Clapp of Norwich." Norwich was renamed Huntington in 1855.

[25] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 365: 38, under the name "Mary," paralysis, dau. of Nelson Sampson, b. Duxbury, Mass., and Mari, b. Huntington.

[26] See the next note.

[27] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County*, Haydenville Cemetery, Haydenville, Massachusetts, Mercy's name on the monument of Augustus and Elvira

In 1850 at Chesterfield, William was 62 and "Mercy" 55; in 1860 there, William "Pittinger" was aged 72, a farmer, with "Mary," aged 65.[28]

iv. **Jonathan Pittsinger**, b. 11 April 1790; d. at Chesterfield 25 Feb. 1868, aged 77 years 10 months 4 days;[29] m., intentions at Westhampton 24 Dec. 1814, **Mary "Polly" Stephenson**,[30] b. at Chesterfield 10 May 1794, dau. of John Stephenson Jr. and Susannah (___) Stephenson.[31] She d. at Westhampton 15 April 1829.[32]

v. **Harvey Pittsinger**, b. 1 Oct. 1799; d. at Westhampton 16 Jan. 1816 in his 17th year, bur. at Westhampton, "son of Mr. John and Mrs. Rhoda Petinger."[33]

Virginia Leeds (Pittsinger) Shafer, born in Hartford, Connecticut, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She and her husband owned and operated Shafer Orchards in Hartford, Michigan, until their retirement in 2003. She is the third great-granddaughter of John Pittsinger.

(Clapp) Luce, #674, and a separate stone, #439. Elvira was born in 1825, dau. of Justus Clapp, b. Westhampton, and Mercy Sampson, b. Chesterfield (ibid., from another gravestone). Justus Sheldon Clapp of Norwich was drowned at Westhampton 28 Aug. 1826 at age 37 (Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Westhampton, First Congregational Church Records, 124). A death notice for Mrs. Elvira C. Luce, wife of Augustus, aged 76, who died "at Haydenville Wed. night," says she was the dau. of Justus Clapp of Huntington (*Springfield Republican*, Friday, 11 April 1902, p. 8). Elvira's death record says she was the dau. of Justus Clapp, b. Westhampton, and Mercy Sampson, b. Chesterfield [*sic*] (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 529: 313).

[28] 1850 U.S. Census, Chesterfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 320, p. 14; 1860 at Chesterfield, roll 505, p. 407, her name fairly clearly written.

[29] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 212: 49, suicide, parents named.

[30] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Westhampton Vital Records, 173.

[31] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Chesterfield Vital Records, 18.

[32] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Westhampton, First Congregational Church Records, 127.

[33] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I, Hampshire County,* Westhampton, Mass., Vital Records, 20, and First Congregational Church Records, buried 18 Jan. 1816, and Cemetery Inscriptions, #112.

Rogers, Benjamin
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Rogers, Benjamin Jr.
1 – 0 – 1 – 0 – 0
Ashfield, Hampshire County[1]

By Scott E. Tracy

Benjamin Rogers was born at Kingston, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 6 June 1738, son of Benjamin and Phebe (Harding) Rogers.[2] He died at Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, on 7 or 18 November 1824, aged 88.[3]

Benjamin married first at Hardwick, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 10 September 1760, **Mehitable Fay**.[4] She was born at Westborough, Worcester County, on 10 January 1737, daughter of James and Lydia (Child) Fay.[5] She died, probably at Hardwick, in 1761 or 1762.[6]

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7.

[2] *Vital Records of Kingston, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 125 (birth); Susan E. Roser, *Mayflower Births & Deaths From the Files of George Ernest Bowman At the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants*, 2 vols. (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992), 2: 221; Elizabeth S. Daniel and Jeanne E. Sawtelle, *Thomas Rogers, Pilgrim, and Some of His Descendants* (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, Inc., 1980), 48–49, 128; Alice W. A. Westgate, revised by Ann T. Reeves, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Nineteen, Family of Thomas Rogers* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2000), 69–70, 91; John D. Austin, FASG, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Six, Third Edition, Family of Stephen Hopkins* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001), 290.

[3] *Vital Records of Ashfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1942), 260; Roser, *Mayflower Births & Deaths*, 2: 221; "Record of deaths in Ashfield during the ministry of Thomas Shepard" in a small notebook in the Ashfield town clerk's files, titled "Record of Marriages and Deaths," kept by several ministers, in which p. 78 says 7 Nov.

[4] *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 172, 234.

[5] *Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 41 (birth), 148 (parents' marriage "at Watertown").

[6] Lucius R. Paige, *History of Hardwick, Massachusetts, with a Genealogical Register* (Boston:

Benjamin married second at Hardwick on 5 April 1763, **Temperance Phinney** or **Finney**.[7] She was born at Harwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, on 9 July 1738, daughter of Gershom and Rebekah (Griffith) Phinney/Finney,[8] and was baptized there 20 August 1738.[9] She died at Ashfield in June 1825.[10]

Both Benjamin and wife Temperance were sixth-generation descendants of *Mayflower* passenger Thomas Rogers.[11] Benjamin also descended from Stephen Hopkins.[12]

In 1761 Benjamin purchased fifty-four acres in the northerly part of Hardwick, bounded west on the town line.[13] 1771 tax records list him there with one poll, a horse, two oxen, three other cattle, six sheep, one swine, three acres of pasture, three acres of tillage, and nine acres of mowing land.[14] The rest of the land was probably woods or swamp.

Benjamin was recommended from Hardwick to the church at Ashfield on 24 January 1775,[15] and he appears on Ashfield tax lists from 1775 through 1810.[16] He purchased second-division lot #17, a hundred acres on Creamery Road, half on 19 April 1773 and the other half on 30 January 1775.[17] Benjamin, a farmer and blacksmith, acquired from

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Houghton, Mifflin, 1883), 477.

[7] *Vital Records of Hardwick,* 173, 234; Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800,* 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1897–1914; repr. 3 vols. in 1, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), First Book, 119; Howard Finney, *Finney-Phinney Families in America* (Richmond, Va.: W. Byrd Press, 1957), 13, says 4 April.

[8] Louise H. Kelley and Dorothy Straw, *Vital Records, Town of Harwich, Massachusetts, 1694–1850* (Harwich, Mass.: Harwich Historical Society, 1982), 55; Finney, *Finney-Phinney Families,* 13.

[9] Westgate and Reeves, *Mayflower Families . . . Thomas Rogers,* 115.

[10] *Vital Records of Ashfield,* 260, town record says 1824, but the entry from the church record says 1825; "Record of deaths in Ashfield during the ministry of Thomas Shepard," 79, says June 1825; Westgate and Reeves, *Mayflower Families . . . Thomas Rogers,* 115.

[11] Roser, *Mayflower Births & Deaths,* 2: 221, 234; Westgate and Reeves, *Mayflower Families . . . Thomas Rogers,* 91, 115.

[12] Austin, *Mayflower Families . . . Stephen Hopkins,* 290.

[13] Worcester County Deeds, 74: 386, no deed of sale located.

[14] Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1998), 310–11.

[15] Paige, *History of Hardwick,* 477, 478.

[16] Town of Ashfield Tax Valuation Lists, database compiled by Nancy Garvin of the Ashfield Historical Society at the Ashfield Town Clerk's office.

[17] Franklin County Deeds, 1: 571; Hampshire County Deeds, 14: 141, Benjamin called "blacksmith" in the latter deed; the road identified by Ashfield historian, Nancy Garvin.

the proprietors another 300 acres of land at Ashfield, which he sold from 1778 to 1783.[18]

The family's earliest days at Ashfield were recalled at an 1871 family gathering:

> Benjamin brought [his wife] Temperance Phinney from the Cape, through the woods to Ashfield, on a jumper, - "the roads were in a fearful condition" . . . Five days after their arrival, their log house unbuilt, she gave birth to her son Joseph, her couch being branches of trees. Later, [Benjamin] and every male citizen in Ashfield, except a cripple, responded to a call for men to check the progress of Gen. Burgoyne. Shortly after their departure and before the corn was harvested, a severe snow storm commenced. [Daughter Temperance], then a child, and her mother [Temperance (Phinney) Rogers], cut and brought it in on sleds, stored it away in their log house – they had no barn – and then husked it. During all the (Burgoyne's) winter following, none of the family had shoes, and some of them "nothing to wear" except tow cloth.[19]

Benjamin served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain Ephraim Jenings's Company, Colonel David Wells's Regiment, having enlisted on 22 September 1777 and served "on expedition to Northern department." He was discharged on 18 October 1777.[20] Benjamin was elected to the Massachusetts General Court in 1782.[21] In 1783 he was a selectman at Ashfield.[22]

Benjamin Rogers of Ashfield signed his will on 4 March 1812 and executed a codicil on 31 March 1823. The will was recorded on 19 July 1825. One dollar each was left to sons John and Joseph, to the heirs of

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[18] Hampshire County Deeds, 18: 50; Franklin County Deeds, 2: 426; 13: 215 (recorded 13 May 1793); 11: 52 (Benjamin called "blacksmith" in the last deed).

[19] *Gazette and Courier*, Greenfield, Mass., 28 Aug. 1871, 2, "Clam Bake and Picnic of the Goodwin Family at Ashfield," transcription online at *www.publicationarchive.com/archiveArticle.cfm?gpt=30&cs=5&ID=3515&g=184*.

[20] Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 13: 499; Frederick G. Howes, *History of the Town of Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, From Its Settlement in 1742 to 1910* (Ashfield, Mass.: The Town, 1910), 235.

[21] *History of Ashfield*, 215; Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester and William Shepard, *History of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia, Penn.: L. H. Everts, 1879), 2: 742.

[22] *History of Ashfield*, 213.

Gershom, and to daughters Temperance Goodwin and Rebekah Wait. To his daughter Naomi Rogers, Benjamin left one-eighth of his personal and real estate. Wife Temperance was to have a third of his estate, with the balance to son Abner, who was named executor. The codicil changed the amount left to his wife from one-third to one-half. Not mentioned in the will were son Benjamin Jr. and daughter Rhoda.[23]

Child of Benjamin and Mehitable (Fay) Rogers:

i. **John Rogers**, b. Hardwick 6 Dec. 1761;[24] d. after 4 March 1812.[25] John was to be given a cow when age 21, according to the will of his grandfather, James Fay of Hardwick, dated 19 July 1774.[26]

Children of Benjamin and Temperance (Phinney/Finney) Rogers, ii-v born at Hardwick and the rest at Ashfield:

ii. **Gershom Rogers**, b. 6 May 1764;[27] d. in 1788,[28] probably shortly before 1 July;[29] m. at Ashfield 14 June 1784, **Abigail King**,[30] probably dau. of John and Mary (___) King.[31] She m. (2) at Ashfield 28 May 1789, Abner Cranson,[32] b. at Spencer, Worcester Co., 14 Feb. 1763, son of Elisha and Abigail (Baldwin) Cranson.[33] Abner Cranson, from Marlborough, Mass., was a captain during the Revolution.[34] On 7 May 1808 Abner and Abigail Cranson of

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[23] Franklin County, Massachusetts, Probate, docket #3999, 11: 300.

[24] *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 96.

[25] Named in his father's will. The codicil names no children.

[26] Worcester County Probate, James Fay, docket #20296, 14: 58.

[27] *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 96.

[28] Richard Corbin Powell, "The Identity of Sybel Rogers of Ashfield, Massachusetts," *Mayflower Quarterly* 62 [1996]: 28–29. On 7 May 1808 Abner and Abigail Cranson of Ashfield sold their right in the estate of Gershom Rogers, mentioning his daughter "Sibbel," wife of Eliphalet Stowel (Franklin County Deeds, 26: 1).

[29] On 1 July 1788 his widow Abigail, of Ashfield, was granted administration on Gershom's estate and named guardian of Sybil Rogers, aged 1 year. The distribution in 1805 called her Abigail Cranson (Hampshire County Probate, 15: 418; 24: 18–19).

[30] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 196.

[31] Powell, "Identity of Sybel Rogers," *Mayflower Quarterly* 62: 28.

[32] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 148, 195.

[33] Winifred Lovering Holman, "The Cranson Line," Mss A 5676, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1–2, 7; *Vital Records of Spencer, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1909), 33 (birth); *Vital Records of Leicester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 139 (parents' marriage). See sketch for Elisha Cranson.

[34] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 4: 88, 90, as both Cranson and Cranston.

Ashfield sold their right of dower in the estate of Gershom Rogers and all "our demands on said estate for supporting Sibbel, daughter of said Gershom."[35] A son, Gershom Rogers Cranson, was b. in 1795 and d. 4 April 1852, aged 56 years 6 months 23 days, bur. in Fairview Cemetery in McHenry Co., Ill.[36]

iii. **Benjamin Rogers Jr.**, b. 26 Dec. 1766;[37] m. at Ashfield 4 Nov. 1788, **Mary "Polly" Edson**,[38] bp. at Ashfield 4 June 1769, dau. of Jonathan and Mehitable (Lilly) Edson.[39] "Mary, wife of John Bordwell," d. 11 Oct. 1833, aged 63, and was bur. in Allegany Road Cemetery at Darien, Genessee Co., N.Y.[40] She m. (2) at Whately, Hampshire Co., 5 March 1792, John Bardwell or Bordwell, b. at Whately 16 or 17 Feb. 1761 and d. Plainsville, Ohio, 25 Sept. 1845, son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Tute) Bardwell. They went first to Brookfield, Orange Co., Vt., and then to Darien.[41] Benjamin Jr. was not included in his father's will. While the *Bardwell/Bordwell Genealogy* claims Mary and Benjamin were divorced, he may have died prior to her second marriage, as Mary and John named a child Benjamin Rogers Bardwell.[42]

iv. **Naomi Rogers**, bp. 26 Dec. 1768;[43] d. before 15 Sept. 1793.[44]

v. **Rebecca Rogers**, b. 26 Aug. 1770,[45] bp. at Hardwick 14 Oct. 1770;[46] d. after 4 March 1812;[47] m. at Ashfield 2 May 1793, **Seth Wait Jr.**,[48] b., probably at Whately or Ashfield, in 1774, son of

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[35] Franklin County Deeds, 26: 1.

[36] Photograph and annotation at *findagrave.com*.

[37] *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 96.

[38] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 196.

[39] J. H. Temple, *History of the Town of Whately, Mass., 1660–1871* (Boston: T. R. Marvin & Son, 1872), 227; Esther Littleford Woodworth-Barnes, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 16, Part 3, Family of John Alden*, Alicia Crane Williams, ed. (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1999), 140; *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 37 (baptism).

[40] Photograph of her gravestone online at *findagrave.com*.

[41] Robert Bardwell Descendants, *Bardwell/Bordwell Descendants*, 2: 40, 75–77; Temple, *History of Whately*, 199–200, 227.

[42] Robert Bardwell Descendants, *Bardwell/Bordwell Descendants*, 2: 75.

[43] Paige, *History of Hardwick*, 477–78.

[44] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 260, no date, but before the second Naomi's baptism.

[45] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 94.

[46] *Vital Records of Hardwick*, 96.

[47] Named in her father's will.

[48] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 196, 213.

Seth and perhaps Submit (Smith) Waite. Seth Wait Jr. kept a hotel at Ashfield but moved to Hudson, Columbia Co., N.Y.[49] He perhaps d. at Athens, Greene Co., N.Y., 7 June 1813.[50] In 1810 at Ashfield, Seth and a female were 26–45, and there were nine younger people in the household.[51]

vi. **Joseph Rogers**, b. ca. 1772,[52] bp. at Ashfield 7 May 1775;[53] d. 26[54] or 27 July 1837;[55] m. (1), intentions at Ashfield Oct. 1795, **Rebecca Smith**,[56] who d. at Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., 11 April 1807.[57] Joseph m. (2) at Lenox 8 July 1807, **Sylvia Judd**,[58] who d. 24 Aug. 1832.[59] Joseph m. (3) at Lenox 13 Nov. 1832, **Lydia Gates**,[60] b. at Lenox ca. Jan. 1783, dau. of Elijah and Anna (___) Gates;[61] Lydia d. at Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., 25 June 1863, aged 80 years 5 months. Joseph and his three wives were interred in the Church on the Hill Cemetery at Lenox.[62]

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[49] James M. Crafts, *History of the Town of Whately, Mass.* (Orange, Mass.: D. L. Crandall, 1899), 597.

[50] The place and date from *FamilySearch.org*. Lucretia, wife of Peter G. Coffin and dau. of Seth and Rebecca Wait, died 3 Dec. 1827, aged 33 years, and was buried in the Athens Rural Cemetery, but neither Seth nor Rebecca had an extant stone there (Minnie Cohen, "Gravestone Inscriptions of Greene County, N.Y." [1933] [FHL 0,017,681], 36).

[51] 1810 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 19, p. 271.

[52] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 93, evidently from a record that listed him between siblings Rebecca and Abner.

[53] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 93.

[54] Berkshire County Probate, 42: 330, his death date from Charles Mattoon's petition for probate on 1 Aug. 1837, naming all heirs including widow Lydia of Lenox.

[55] "Lenox Church Records from R. C. Rockwell's Copy," Rollin H. Cooke Collection, Vol. 20, on microfilm reel 1 (FHL 234,569), 361, says 26 July; Mabel A. and Mira K. Parsons, "Vital Records Copied From Grave Stones in the Cemetery of the Old Church on the Hill, Lenox, Massachusetts" (Lenox, Mass., 1941) [FHL 234,587, Item 5], 74, says 27 July.

[56] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 196.

[57] "Lenox Church Records," 353; Parsons, "Vital Records Copied From Grave Stones, 74, "aged 32."

[58] "Lenox Church Records," 330, says "Miss Silvie Judd"; Lenox Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1784–1855 [FHL 250,307], 1: 364.

[59] Parsons, "Vital Records Copied From Grave Stones, 74, "aged 55 years."

[60] "Lenox Church Records," 335; Lenox Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1784–1855 [FHL 250,307], 1: 385 (intentions 28 Oct. 1832), 477.

[61] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 165: 58; Parsons, "Vital Records Copied From Grave Stones, 24, "aged 80 years" [FHL 234587, Item 5], buried beside Lt. Elijah Gates, who died 17 June 1824, aged 74.

[62] Parsons, "Vital Records Copied From Grave Stones, 24, 74 [FHL 234587, Item 5].

vii. **Abner Rogers**, b. 6 Oct. 1774;[63] d., probably at Medina, Lenawee Co., Mich., between 18 Jan. 1839 (date of will) and 7 Oct. 1839 (probate);[64] m. at Ashfield 10 Dec. 1801, **Lucinda Reckard/Rickard/Record**,[65] b. at Ashfield 1783, dau. of Calvin and Huldah (Leonard) Rickard.[66] She d. after 1850.[67] It appears that Abner's widow, Lucinda, married (2) widower Moses Baker after 3 Feb. 1844[68] and before the 1845 Michigan census.[69] Moses Baker, b. at Swansea, Bristol Co., Mass., 4 Nov. 1776, son of David and Peace (___) Baker,[70] had married (1) at East Hoosick at Adams, Berkshire Co. 6 April 1797, Cynthia White.[71] Moses Baker of Fairfield, Lenawee Co., d. 26 Nov. 1853.[72]

Benjamin, Calvin, and James Rogers acquired hundreds of acres in Lenawee County along the Michigan-Toledo strip from 1835 to 1837, including 200 acres on behalf of their father, Abner.[73] Abner and sons Benjamin and James attended the first town-

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[63] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 93.

[64] Lenawee County, Michigan, Probate, Abner Rogers of Medina, A: 197.

[65] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 195, her name spelled "Reckard."

[66] William Henry Jennings, *A Genealogical History of the Jennings Families in England and America*, 3 vols. (Columbus, Ohio: the author, 1899), 2: 631–32.

[67] 1850 U.S. Census, Lenawee, Fairfield Co., Mich., roll 355, pp. 165–66.

[68] Harriette Marr Wheeler, "They Came to Michigan," *The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* 35 [1971]: 72, death of Moses' first wife, Cynthia White.

[69] Census Records for Lenawee County, Mich., 1845, Vital Records Collection of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Adrian, Mich., Lucy Wolcott Barnum Chapter, Adrian, Mich., 174. This statement is based on the timing of the sale of the land parcels identified in the will of Abner Rogers that were to remain for the use of his widow, Lucinda, during her widowhood or natural life (Index to Lenawee Co. Deeds, 1827–1852 on FHL 2,209,088, and see the next paragraph in the sketch about Abner's lands), coupled with the 1845 census that enumerated the Moses Baker household at Fairfield as one white male between 45 and 75 years, and one white female between 45 and 75 years. The 1850 census enumerates the Moses Baker household as one male, 73 years, farmer, and one female, Lucinda Baker, 66 years, both born in Massachusetts (1850 U.S. Census, Fairfield, Lenawee Co., Mich., roll 355, pp. 165–66).

[70] Wheeler, "They Came to Michigan," *Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* 35: 72; H. L. Peter Rounds, *Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts, to 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1992), 425 (parents' marriage), Moses' birth not recorded there.

[71] William Bradford Browne, "Records of the Society of Friends at East Hoosuck (Adams), Mass.," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 72 [1918]: 26.

[72] Richard I. Bonner, *Memoirs of Lenawee County, Michigan*, 2 vols. (Madison, Wis.: Western Historical Assoc., 1909), 1: 267.

[73] Gregory A. Boyd, JD, *Family Maps of Lenawee County, Michigan* (Norman, Okla.: Arphax Publishing; 2006), 249, 252, 253, 261, 264; James J. Hogaboam, *The Bean Creek Valley, Incidents of Its Early Settlement* (Hudson, Mich.: Jas. M. Scarritt; 1876), 51, 53.

ship meeting of Medina held on 3 Apr. 1837 and James was named justice of the peace and assessor while Benjamin was named overseer of the poor.[74] In his will, Abner bequeathed eighty acres of his 200-acre farm to son Joseph, with the balance of the farmland to be split evenly between sons Joseph and Calvin upon the marriage or death of the widow, Lucinda. Abner also made bequests to daughters Lucinda Rogers, Rhoda Smith and Emily Cortell [*sic*].

viii. **Rhoda Rogers**, b. 24 Aug. 1776,[75] d. before 4 March 1812.[76]

ix. **Temperance Rogers**, b. 9 Oct. 1780 [*sic*], bp. 31 Oct. 1779;[77] d. at Ashfield 11 Jan. 1868, aged 87 years 3 months 2 days;[78] m. in 1803, **Anson Goodwin**,[79] b. at Ashfield 20 Aug. 1781, son of Eldad Francis and Lucy (Scott) Goodwin,[80] d. at Ashfield 23 Dec. 1871, aged 90 years 4 months 3 days.[81]

x. **Naomi Rogers**, bp. 15 Sept. 1793;[82] d. after 31 March 1823[83] (probably 30 Oct. 1844, but aged 56 years 2 months [*sic*]), bur. in Resthaven Cemetery at Phelps, Ontario Co., N.Y.;[84] m., intentions at Ashfield, 15 Jan. 1814, **Aretus Sadler**,[85] b. in Mass.[86] ca. 6 Feb. 1788, probably son of Joshua Sadler who married at Ashfield 16

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[74] Bonner, *Memoirs of Lenawee County, Michigan*, 1: 410, 412.

[75] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 94.

[76] She was not named in her father's will.

[77] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 94. Her age at death suggests 1780 is correct.

[78] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 211: 260, called "Tempey," of old age; *Gazette and Courier*, Greenfield, Mass., 28 Aug. 1871, 2, "Clam Bake and Picnic of the Goodwin Family at Ashfield"; James Junius Goodwin and Frank Farnsworth Starr, *The Goodwins of Hartford, Connecticut, Descendants of William and Ozias Goodwin* (Hartford, Conn.: Brown & Gross, 1891), 201, which has more information on the family.

[79] Goodwin and Starr, *Goodwins of Hartford*, 201. Their first child, Emeline, was born at Ashfield 4 July 1804 (*Vital Records of Ashfield*, 48).

[80] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 47, which calls the mother "Lucy Scott"; Goodwin and Starr, *Goodwins of Hartford*, 156–57.

[81] Goodwin and Starr, *Goodwins of Hartford*, 201; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 238: 271.

[82] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 94.

[83] Not named in her father's codicil.

[84] Resthaven Cemetery, Village of Phelps, list at *http://ontario.nygenweb.net/resthavencem-SZ.htm*, but her age at death as read from the gravestone implies birth in Aug. 1788.

[85] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 197.

[86] Lewis Cass Aldrich, *History of Ontario County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason, 1893), part 1, 169.

Sept. 1784 Phebe Crittenden[87] and was listed there in 1790 with two males under 16 and in 1800 with two males 10–16.[88] Aretus d. at Phelps[89] 28 Aug. 1818, aged 30 years 6 months 22 days, and was bur. in Resthaven Cemetery,[90] Aretus and Naomi had one son, Winslow.[91]

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[87] *Vital Records of Ashfield*, 197, no children recorded.

[88] 1790 U.S. Census, Ashfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 7; 1800, Ashfield, roll 15, p. 830.

[89] "Phelps, New York. Its Genealogies," *Register* 37 [1883]: 201, says only "1818 a. 30 yrs."

[90] Resthaven Cemetery, Village of Phelps, list at *http://ontario.nygenweb.net/resthavencem-SZ.htm*.

[91] Aldrich, *History of Ontario County, New York*, 169, which has more information on the family.

Thomas, Lovewell
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Montgomery, Hampshire County[1]

By Mary Stewart Kyritsis

Lovewell[5] Thomas was born at Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut, on 16 June 1737, son of Enoch and Rebecca (___) Thomas.[2] He was baptised at the First Church at Southington, Hartford County (then still a part of Farmington), on 2 October 1748 as an adult, together with his father, mother, two brothers, and one sister, by the Rev. Heman R. Timlow.[3] He died on 17 April 1811, aged 73, and was buried in the Russell Pond Cemetery at the town of Russell, which is now in Hampden County, Massachusetts.[4]

Lovewell married in Southington on 1 December 1760, **Jane Hazard**.[5] She was born at Blandford, Hampshire [now Hampden] County, Massachusetts, on 9 July 1741, daughter of James and Jane (Cook) Hazard.[6] Before her marriage, she had been in a Farmington court for

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Montgomery, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 349.

2 Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 8 vols. (New Haven, 1922–32; repr. in 3 vols. with index, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 3: 1732, citing Farmington vital records.

3 Rev. Heman R. Timlow, *Ecclesiastical and Other Sketches of Southington, Connecticut* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1875, repr. Southington Bicentennial Committee, 1976), 224.

4 Louis Marinus Dewey, "Genealogical Notes" (compiled for the National Youth Administration Project, 1937), in the Westfield, Mass., Library, says in the Russell Pond Cemetery [alias Hazard Pond Cemetery]; Sumner Gilbert Wood, *Ulster Scots and Blandford Scouts* (West Medway, Mass.: the author, 1928; repr. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1997), 313.

5 Timlow, *Southington*, 228.

6 *Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850: Blandford, 1737–1860*, microfiche (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), 1: 13 (birth as "Jen Hassard").

whispering and "laufing" between meetings on 26 February 1758.[7] She died on 18 October 1803, aged 62, and was buried with her husband.[8] Lovewell married secondly **Sylvia** ___.

In 1762 Lovewell Thomas was assessed on £33 according to the "Tax List for Minister's Rate" for "The Society of New Cheshier in Wallingford," New Haven County, Connecticut.[9]

About 1771 the family moved to Westfield, Hampshire County,[10] Lovewell having purchased land at a place called Whipponung [today spelled "Wippernon"] on 18 June 1771 from Colonel David Mosely.[11] He lived "on a road laid out in 1786 from Weller's Mill, Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, crossing the river by his place and passing Thomas Doolittle's, thence running to Blandford."[12] In fact, Enoch and Eunice Thomas, for £130, deeded Lovewell forty-two acres at Whipponung on 24 May 1775.[13] Called "of Westfield," Lovewell deeded land in 1771, 1774, 1781, 1785, 1786, and 1788.[14] In 1791 he was "of Montgomery" and in 1807 "of Russell,"[15] reflecting the incorporation of Montgomery in 1780 and Russell in 1792.

In 1800 at Russell, "Lovwell" Thomas had a male 10–16 [Samuel? therefore b. 1784–1790], one 16–26 [Lovewell, b. 1774–1784], himself and a female over 45, and only one young female, 16–26, suggesting that most of the daughters had married.[16] On 6 January 1807, Lovewell and "Sylvey" sold for $1 to Samuel Thomas lot #33 on the east side of Middle Falls, sixty acres, and on 11 September 1809 Samuel sold it back to Lovewell for $500.[17]

In 1810 "Lovel" Thomas was enumerated at Russell, with a male

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[7] Timlow, *Southington*, 406.

[8] Mrs. Max Lederer et al, "Tombstone Inscriptions, Russell," 12; Dewey, "Genealogical Notes."

[9] Joseph Perkins Beach, *History of Cheshire, Connecticut, from 1694 to 1840* (Cheshire, Conn.: Lady Fenwick Chapter, DAR, 1912), 140, 143.

[10] Revolutionary War Pension file, Jason Thomas, S11539, where Jason testified that he was about eight years old when the family moved to Westfield.

[11] This deed not recorded but referenced in mortgages on 9 Feb. 1786 and 8 Aug. 1791 (Hampden Co. Deeds, 27: 116, 30: 410).

[12] William Richard Cutter, *Genealogical and Family History of Western New York*, 3 vols. (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1912), 3: 1313.

[13] Hampden Co. Deeds, 28: 731, recorded 8 Aug. 1791.

[14] Hampden Co. Deeds, 10: 528; 13: 402; 20: 59; 24: 421; 33: 342.

[15] Hampden Co. Deeds, 28: 730; 50: 78.

[16] 1800 U.S. Census, Russell, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 15, p. 423.

[17] Hampden Co. Deeds, 50: 78, 473, Salmon Thomas witnessing the latter deed.

under 10, himself over 45, a female under 10, and one 26–45.[18] The young female may be a daughter of his second wife or it could be his youngest daughter Pamela.

Lovewell Thomas of Russell made his will on 10 February 1811, giving his wife Sylvia his farm during her life; then it was to go to his son Seymour. Son Salmon was to have $100, sons Jason, Levi, and Lovewell $150 each, while son Samuel had only $1 (see the land transactions above). Daughters Louisa, Lorana, Freelove, Clarissa, and Pamela were to have $10 each. Sylvia and Salmon were to be executors and the will was proved on 7 May 1811.[19] Notice was put in the *Hampshire Federalist* of 20 June.[20]

After Lovewell died, "Silby Thomas" of Blandford and Samuel Beach of Westfield filed their intentions to marry at Blandford on 21 June 1812.[21] In his 1832 deposition for a pension, Sylvia's stepson, Salmon Thomas, said that the family Bible, which he hadn't seen for twenty years, was in the possession of his father's second wife, Mrs. Beach of Blandford.[22] On 30 January 1838 Sylvia sold the homestead to her son Seymour (see below).

Children of Lovewell and Jane (Hazard) Thomas:

i **Salmon[6] Thomas**, b. at Cheshire, New Haven Co., 10 Feb. 1761,[23] bp. at Southington 17 Nov. 1765;[24] m. **Naomi Bishop**.[25] See his sketch.

ii. **Jason Hazard Thomas**, b. at Cheshire 19 May 1763,[26] bp. at Southington 17 Nov. 1765;[27] d., perhaps at West Oswego, Oswego

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[18] 1810 U.S. Census, Russell, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 19, p. 301.

[19] Hampshire County Probate, 27: 211 (will), 264 (inventory), E2: 361 (order for notice); will in Box 147, #21.

[20] *Hampshire Federalist*, Springfield, 20 June 1811, 3, in *Early American Newspapers*, online at *AmericanAncestors.org*.

[21] *Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850: Blandford, 1737–1860*, 3: 90.

[22] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424.

[23] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424; Jacobus, *New Haven*, 3: 1732, citing Wallingford Vital Records but not naming him.

[24] Timlow, *Southington*, 234, as the first of four children of Lovewell but unnamed.

[25] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424.

[26] Revolutionary War Pension file, Jason Thomas, S11539; unnamed in Wallingford birth records, but "a look at the record shows that they were illegible, however it is clear that both names end in "on," indicating that these are his oldest sons, Salmon and Jason (Mary Stewart Kyritsis, *Genealogy of Descendants of John Thomas of New Haven* [Athens, Greece, 1993], online at *http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~streeter/Thomas_Descendants.htm*, viewed 4 April 2011).

[27] Timlow, *Southington*, 234.

Co., N.Y., after 1840.[28] Jason was of Oswego when he deposed on 24 Sept. 1832 at age 70, saying that he enlisted from Westfield in July 1780 in Capt. Hatfield's Company and marched to the vicinity of Newport, R.I. After his service he lived at Westfield for about three years, then moved to Elizabethtown, N.J., for eleven years. He then lived at Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N.Y., for 37 years and finally moved to Oswego.

iii. **Jane Louisa Thomas**, bp. at Southington 17 Nov. 1765;[29] d. after 1811, probably 1820–30 in Vigo Co., Ind. (see below); said to have m. at Westfield 14 Dec 1785, **Zenas Mitchell**,[30] b. at Colchester, New London Co., Conn., 8 Dec. 1763, son of Azariah and Susannah (Knowlton) Mitchell.[31] He d., probably in Vigo Co., in 1830.[32] In 1820 in Vigo Co., "Zenus Mitchel" and a female were both over 45 with three others in the household,[33] and in 1830 there, "Zenos Mitchel" was aged 60–70 with a female 40–50 and numerous others, listed just above Azariah Mitchel, aged 40–50.[34]

iv. **Pamela Thomas**, bp. at Southington 17 Nov. 1765;[35] presumably died young, as the Pamela Thomas given in Lovewell's will was listed last.

v. **Lorana Thomas**, bp. at Southington 21 Feb. 1768 but unnamed;[36] living in 1811.

vi. **Freelove Thomas**, b. say 1770; living in 1811.

vii. **Clarissa Thomas**, b. say 1771, living in 1811.

viii. **Levi Thomas**, b. at Southington April 1773;[37] d. at Utica, Oneida

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[28] 1840 U.S. Census, West Oswego, Oswego Co., N.Y., roll 325, p. 126.

[29] Timlow, *Southington*, 234, as "Louisa."

[30] Westfield, Mass., Vital Records, research in Westfield by the author in 1988, but the source unidentified.

[31] Barbour Collection, from Colchester Vital Records, 1: 41 (birth and parents' marriage).

[32] *http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/p/a/v/Elaine-Pavone-IN/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0541.html*

[33] 1820 U.S. Census, Vigo Co., Ind., roll 14, p. 189.

[34] 1830 U.S. Census, Vigo Co., Ind., roll 30, p. 93.

[35] Timlow, *Southington*, 234.

[36] Timlow, *Southington*, 234.

[37] Mrs. I. H. Wynne & John D. Morrell, "A Genealogy of the Descendants of George and Margery Dorrance together with Notes on Some Later Dorrance Emigrants to America" (1948), in the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn., 929.2 D737wy, hereafter Dorrance Papers, 7.

Co. 18 June 1848, aged 75.[38] He m., before 1800, **Marjory Dorrance**,[39] b. at Sterling, Windham Co., Conn., April 1772, dau. of George and Alice (Trumbull) Dorrance.[40] She d. at Utica 13 June 1847, aged 75.[41]

ix. **Lovewell Thomas**, b. say 1775; living in 1811.

x. **Samuel Thomas**, b. say 1777 (or ca. 1784 [1800 census], listed after Lovewell in will, mother aged 43 then); m. at Montgomery 1 Jan. 1807 (in the same week that his father sold him land for $1), **Charlotte Brant**[42] b. at Montgomery 29 Oct. 1787, dau. of John and Hannah (Bosworth) Brant.[43]

xi. **Pamela Thomas**, b. say 1779 or 1803–1810 (thus perhaps daughter of Sylvia); living in 1811, named last in her father's will.

Child of Lovewell and Sylvia (___) Thomas:

xii. **Seymour Thomas**, b., probably at Russell, ca. 1807;[44] d. after 1880.[45] His first wife appears to have died before 1850, when he was alone with five children, ages 3 to 19;[46] he evidently m. (2) **Rosanna** ___, b. in N.Y. ca. 1804,[47] d. before the 1880 census. Lovewell's will specifically left Seymour the farm that Sylvia had inherited from Lovewell on his death. On 30 Jan. 1838 Sylvia Beach of Blandford, Mass., for $522.50 paid to her by Seymour Thomas of Nichols, Tioga Co., N.Y., transferred land at Blandford

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[38] Fred Q. Bowman, *10,000 Vital Records for Central New York, 1813–1850* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1986), #8710, 238, from the *Utica Daily Gazette*, 20 June 1848; Alice O. Dodge, Clara O. Hoerlein, and Charles Gordon Pond, "Marriages & Deaths, 1837–1849" (1973–74) at the Oneida Historical Society, Utica, Oneida Co, N.Y., collected from *The Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate*.

[39] Dorrance papers, 7.

[40] Dorrance papers, 7.

[41] Bowman, *Central New York*, #8713, 239, from the *Utica Daily Gazette*, 14 June 1847; Dodge, Hoerlein, and Pond, "Marriages & Deaths, 1837–1849"; Dorrance papers, 7.

[42] Cutter, *Genealogical and Family History of Western New York*, 3: 1313; *Vital Records of Montgomery, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1902), 53.

[43] Mary Bosworth Clark, *Bosworth Genealogy*, 6 vols. (San Francisco, Calif: various, 1926–1940), 6: 786; *Vital Records of Montgomery*, 15 (birth), 60 (death of Hannah Brant, dau. of Zadock Bosworth).

[44] 1850 U.S. Census, Nichols, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 604, p. 58, but this says he was b. N.Y.

[45] 1880 U.S. Census, Nichols, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 937, E.D. 211, p. 165D, Seymour aged 73, he and his parents b. Mass., no wife listed with him.

[46] 1850 U.S. Census, Nichols, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 604, p. 58.

[47] 1860 U.S. Census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 867, p. 331, Rosanna, aged 56, birthplace blank; 1870 Census, Nichols, roll 1103, p. 176, Rosanna, aged 65, b. N.Y.

that had been deeded to Lovewell Thomas by John Hawley. On that same date for the same amount of money, Seymour sold the land to Prentice B. Cook of Blandford.[48] Seymour is found living at Nichols in the 1850 census, at Owego, Tioga Co., in 1860, and back at Nichols in 1870 and 1880.[49]

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[48] Hampden Co. Deeds, 98: 211; 104: 483.

[49] See census citations above.

Thomas, Salmon
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Montgomery, Hampshire County[1]

By Mary Stewart Kyritsis

Salmon[6] Thomas was born at Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut, on 10 February 1761[2] and was baptized at Southington, Hartford County, on 17 November 1765,[3] the eldest son of Lovewell Thomas and Jane (Hazard) Thomas.[4] See the sketch for Lovewell Thomas. Salmon died at Norwich, [now Huntington],[5] Hampden County, on 26 January 1847, aged 86.[6]

Salmon married at Blandford, Hampshire County, 19 November 1788, **Naomi Bishop**.[7] She was born at North Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut, about 17 July 1770 (calculated) and died at Huntington 27 December 1864, aged 94 years 5 months 10 days, daughter

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Montgomery, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 349.

[2] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424, where he said he was born in Cheshire; Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven* (1922–1932, repr., 8 vols. in 3, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997) 3: 1732, citing Wallingford Vital Records but not naming him. Jacobus concluded that the entry for an unnamed child must mean the birth of a stillborn infant, but a close look at the original record shows that the page had been torn. Cheshire was formed from Wallingford in 1780.

[3] Rev. Heman R. Timlow, *Ecclesiastical and Other Sketches of Southington, Connecticut* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1875, repr. Southington Bicentennial Committee, 1976), 234, as the first of four children of Lovewell but unnamed.

[4] William Richard Cutter, *Genealogical and Family History of Western New York*, 3 vols. (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1912) Vol. III, p. 1313. He was mentioned in his father's will of 1847.

[5] William Francis Galvin, *Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, 5th edition (Boston: NEHGS, 1997), 62, the name Norwich changed to Huntington in 1855.

[6] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424; *Springfield Republican*, 28 Jan. 1847, p. 3, "At Norwich on the 25th [*sic*], Mr. Salmon Thomas, aged 86."

[7] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424, widow Naomi's own statement and the note from Thomas G. Chaffee, town clerk of Blandford; Blandford and Norwich Vital Records, in the Springfield Library, Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass.

of David and Eleanor (___) Bishop.[8] Lieut. David Bishop was living at Blandford, Massachusetts, in 1790.[9]

Salmon moved north with his father and enlisted 24 August 1778, probably at Tiverton, Rhode Island, for six months as a private in Capt. Nathan Rowley's Company of Col. John Jacobs' Regiment. After service in Rhode Island he was discharged at Freetown, Massachusetts, on 1 January 1779. He was living in the part of Westfield that became the town of Russell when he enlisted on 21 August 1781 in Capt. Samuel Thrall's Company, Col. Marinus Willet's Regiment, for three months, serving on the Mohawk River, and was discharged at Fort Herkimer on 9 November 1781. His pension was granted 20 November 1832 and his widow, Naomi, also received a pension after his death.[10]

According to his pension declaration, Salmon had lived at Russell, Montgomery, and Norwich. In 1800 at Norwich, he had a male under 10, one 10–15, two females under 10, and himself and a female 26–45.[11]

The only Thomas family at Norwich in 1810 was that of "Elmore," who had 1 1 1 0 1 – 3 1 1 1 0.[12]

In 1820 at Norwich, Salmon had two males 10–16, two over 45, a female under 10, one 16–26, and one over 45.[13]

In 1850 Naomi, aged 80, was living at Norwich with her son Salmon.[14]

On 9 October 1823 Jesse Thomas of Norwich quitclaimed to Salmon on sixty acres in Norwich, land Salmon had deeded to Jesse and David Bishop Thomas. And on 15 February 1827 David B. and Betsey quitclaimed on the same land to Salmon.[15]

Salmon's undated will was proved on 6 April 1847. Besides naming wife Naomi, he indicated that sons Jesse and Salmon were already provided for. Other heirs were given various sums: son David B., daughters Electa, Elizabeth wife of Andrew Dunbar, Harriet, Louisa Selestia wife of Isaac Stevens, and youngest daughter Clarissa, plus grandchildren,

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[8] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 175: 18, which names her parents as David and Ellenor Bishop.

[9] 1790 U.S. Census, Blandford, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 127.

[10] Revolutionary War Pension, Salmon Thomas, W15424; Massachusetts Secretary of State, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 15: 612.

[11] 1800 U.S. Census, Norwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 15, p. 1128.

[12] 1810 U.S. Census, Norwich, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 19, p. 10.

[13] 1820 U.S. Census, Norwich, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 50, p. 136.

[14] 1850 U.S. Census, Norwich, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 320, p. 54A.

[15] Hampshire County Deeds, 52: 50; 55: 523.

Marshall, Caroline, Lorinda, and James, all children of James Bradley. Son-in-law Isaac Stevens was to be executor. However, James Stanton was appointed administrator with the will annexed,[16] perhaps because Isaac's wife had died. Stanton's account on 3 April 1848 further identifies the married names of various women; named are Clarissa H. L. Ketchum, Silestia Stevens [presumably daughter of Louisa Selestia, who had died], Elizabeth Dunbar, Electa Herrick, Harriet Gibson, Marshall Bradley, Lorinda Lyman, James Bradley, and Caroline E. White.[17]

Children of Salmon and Naomi (Bishop) Thomas, born at Norwich [now Huntington]:[18]

i. **Jesse**[7] **Thomas**, b. ca 1789; d. 30 Aug. 1861, bur. in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, Tioga Co., aged 71 years;[19] m., intentions at Norwich 16 March 1816, **Jemima Clark**, b. Conn. ca. 1802,[20] d. 12 Aug. 1865, aged 74 years, bur. in Evergreen Cemetery.[21] He went west after 9 October 1823, and on 5 Oct. 1835 he was of Owego when he and Jemima sold 170 acres, partly at Norwich and partly at Chester, plus another tract at Montomery to Salmon Thomas Jr.[22] In 1850 at Owego, Jesse was aged 60 and Jemima 58.[23]

ii. **Electa Thomas**, b. ca. 1794; d. 19 April 1875, aged 82 yrs.;[24] m., intentions at Huntington 8 Jan. 1820 **Moses Herrick**,[25] b. ca. 1801, son of Moses and Polly (___) Herrick of Norwich.[26] He d. 1850,

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[16] Hampshire County Probate, 46: 92.

[17] Hampshire County Probate, 46: 515.

[18] Cutter, *Western New York*, 3: 1314, calling him "Solomon," names children David Bishop, Elizabeth, Jesse, Electa, "and others."

[19] "Evergreen Cemetery, Town of Owego," typed by Judith Boatman, from a reading by the Beulah Patterson Brown Chapter of the DAR (Newark Valley, Tioga Co., N.Y., 1927), *http://tioga.nygenweb.net/evrgstwi.htm*, viewed 30 Jan. 2012.

[20] 1850 U.S. Census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 604, p. 247A, Jemima born in "Ct."

[21] "Evergreen Cemetery, Town of Owego," viewed 30 Jan. 2012.

[22] Hampshire County Deeds, 73: 374.

[23] 1850 U.S. Census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 604, p. 247A, Jemima born in "Ct."

[24] Boatman, "Evergreen Cemetery," *http://tioga.nygenweb.net/evrgeahu.htm*, viewed 30 Jan. 2012.

[25] Huntington Vital Records, 1786–1844 (FHL 760,649), 186, no marriage recorded there; Edward Church Smith, *History of the Town of Middlefield, Massachusetts* (Menasha, Wis.: the author, 1924), 503–04.

[26] Hampshire County Probate, estate of Moses Herrick (33: 120), on 16 Jan. 1821 Joseph Stanton was made guardian of Moses Herrick a minor over 14.

aged 50, bur. in Evergreen Cemetery.[27] In 1850 at Owego, Moses was aged 49, with Electa 56, both born in Mass., plus Ann 15, Charles 13, and Henry 20, all b. N.Y., two families away from Andrew and Elizabeth Dunbar.[28]

iii. **David Bishop Thomas**, b. 1 Jan. 1799; d. Nichols, Tioga Co., N.Y., 15 March 1862,[29] aged 63 years 2 months 12 days, bur. in Gibson Cemetery, Owego;[30] m. at Norwich 20 March 1822 **Betsey Herrick**,[31] b. Norwich, Mass., 10 March 1803,[32] dau. of Moses and Polly (___) Herrick of Norwich.[33] She d. at Owego, Tioga Co., 5 March 1888,[34] aged 85, bur. with David B.[35] On 1 May 1843 David B. Thomas of Nichols and his wife Betsey, along with Aaron Herrick of Westfield, Samuel and Eunice Loyd of Blandford, and Andrew Henry of Ware, quitclaimed on land in Norwich formerly owned by Moses Herrick deceased.[36]

iv. **Harriet Thomas**,[37] b. at Russell ca. Sept. 1801 (calculated); d. at Chester, Mass., 19 March 1894, aged 92 years 6 months;[38] m., intentions at Chester 6 Feb. 1820 **Amasa Gibson**,[39] b. Conn. ca. 1796, d., probably at Worthington, Mass., 8 Aug. 1874, aged 78,[40]

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[27] Boatman, "Evergreen Cemetery," viewed 30 Jan. 2012.

[28] 1850 U.S. Census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 604, p. 216A.

[29] Cutter, *Western New York*, 3: 1314, which says 15 March 1862 and includes a list of his children with birth dates.

[30] Jan Barrett, "Gibson Cemetery, Town of Owego," *http://tioga.nygenweb.net/gibsonce.htm*, viewed 30 Jan. 2012, which says he died 12 March.

[31] Huntington Vital Records (FHL 760,649), 235 (marriage), 187 (intentions 22 Feb. 1822); Cutter, *Western New York*, 3: 1314, has her name but no date or place.

[32] Cutter, *Western New York*, 3: 1314.

[33] Hampshire County Probate, Moses Herrick estate, 33: 79 (widow named as Polly) 34: 265 (on 28 March 1823 David B. and Betsey Thomas were among the heirs indicating their approval of the distribution); Richard Leon Herrick, *Herrick Genealogy, Herrick Genealogical Register*, 3 vols. (Holt, Mich.: Herrick Family Association, 2008–2010), 1: 121–22.

[34] Cutter, *Western New York*, 3: 1314.

[35] Jan Barrett, "Gibson Cemetery, Town of Owego," viewed 30 Jan. 2012.

[36] Hampshire County Deeds, 100: 294.

[37] Harriet Thomas, unmarried, mentioned in father's will.

[38] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 445: 663, dau. of Salmon Thomas and Naomi Bishop, born at Russell.

[39] *Vital Records of Chester, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 188, Harriet "of Norich."

[40] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 226: 42, no birthplace or parents given, farmer in Worthington.

bur. in Ringville Cemetery at Worthington.[41] In 1850 at Chester, Amasa was 54 and Harriet 48.[42] Not found in 1860, in 1870 Harriet was at Chester, age 69, but Amasa was not with her.[43]

v. **Huldah Thomas**, b. ca 1801; d. before 1847; m. at Huntington 7 May 1817, **James Bradley** of Blandford,[44] probably b. at Blandford ca. 1794, d. there 21 April 1849, aged 55.[45] The children of James Bradley were mentioned by name in Salmon Thomas's will of 1847, given money and their mother's share of his estate.

vi. **Salmon Thomas**, b. probably ca. 5 July 1806 or 1807;[46] d. at Huntington 8 May 1881, aged 63 [*sic*, more likely 73] years 10 months three days;[47] m., intentions at Huntington 5 Oct. 1833, **Frances Norton Stevens**[48] b. at Chester, Hampden Co., 3 Jan. 1813, dau.of Joshua and Nancy (Fish or Fisk) Stevens.[49] She d. 13 Feb. 1897.[50] In 1850 at Norwich, Salmon was 43, a farmer, with Fanny 36, three children, and his mother Naomi, aged 80.[51] In 1880 at Huntington, Salmon was 72 and Fanny A. [*sic*] 67.[52]

vii. **Elizabeth Thomas**,[53] b. Mass., ca. 1807;[54] m., intentions at Huntington 2 Nov. 1833, **Andrew B. Dunbar** of Enfield,[55] b. Mass. ca. 1808. In 1850 at Owego, two families away from her sister Electa, Andrew B. Dunbar was aged 42, with Elizabeth 43, five

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[41] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[42] 1850 U.S. Census, Chester, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 318, p. 57A.

[43] 1870 U.S. Census, Chester, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 616, p. 72B.

[44] Huntington Vital Records (FHL 760,649), 233 (marriage), 182 (intentions 3 April 1817).

[45] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 40: 38, his parents not named.

[46] Calculated from his age in the census, including 58 [*sic*, 53? enumerator's copying error?] in 1860 (roll 505, p. 274) and 63 in 1870 (roll 621, p. 256A). As these censuses were to be taken as of 1 June, he would not yet have passed his birthday in each year.

[47] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 329: 17, both parents said to be born in R.I.

[48] Huntington Vital Records (FHL 760,649), 202, marriage not recorded there; intentions at Chester 5 Oct. 1833 (*Vital Records of Chester,* 188).

[49] *Vital Records of Chester*, 97, dau. of Joshua and Nancy B. (Fisk) Stevens (birth), 195 (parents' marriage, Nancy's name perhaps Fish), both from P.R. 6, a Stevens family Bible, in the possession of William Stevens of Chester.

[50] Frances Stevens Thomas's dates from the website of Rose Ann Wyand.

[51] 1850 U.S. Census, Norwich, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 320, p. 54A.

[52] 1880 U.S. Census, Huntington, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 537, ED 331, p. 130A.

[53] Elizabeth, mentioned in father's will.

[54] Calculated from her age in 1850, but since she was evidently older than Andrew, perhaps she gave a lower age.

[55] Huntington Vital Records, 202, no marriage recorded there.

children, including Salmon 15 and Naomi 11, and Charlotte 77, probably Andrew's mother.[56]

viii. **Louisa Selestia Thomas**, b. ca. 1809;[57] d. at "Chester Factories" 18 Jan. 1845, aged 35;[58] m. **Isaac Stevens**,[59] b. at Chester 20 Sept. 1808, son of John Jr. and Katherine (Elder) Stevens.[60] He m. (2) Westfield 1 Jan. 1846 Elizabeth Bush, dau. of James Bush.[61]

ix. **Clarissa E. Thomas**, b. ca. 1813;[62] m. ca. 1837 **Hamilton F. Ketchum**, b. N.Y. ca. 1809.[63] In 1850 at Westfield, Mass., Hamilton F. Ketcham was aged 40, b. N.Y., with Clarissa E., aged 36, and four children, including Caroline, aged 8.[64] Caroline E. was born there 8 Aug. 1842.[65] In 1860 they were at Owego, H. F. Ketcham aged 51, whip manufacturer, Clarissa 47, and three children.[66]

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[56] 1850 U.S. Census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 604, p. 216A.

[57] Calculated from her age at death, in the month of January.

[58] *Springfield Republican*, 21 Jan. 1845, 3, "At Chester Factories on the 18th, Mrs. Louisa S., aged 35, wife of Isaac Stevens, Esq."; *Vital Records of Chester*, 245, as "Celestia, w. Isac."; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 14: 135, which adds that she was born at Norwich.

[59] Louisa Selestia, wife of Isaac Stevens, was mentioned in her father's undated will.

[60] *Vital Records of Chester*, 97 (birth), 185 (parents' marriage).

[61] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 18:160, Isaac a widower and gentleman.

[62] Calculated from her age in the 1860 census.

[63] 1850 and 1860 census (see below).

[64] 1850 U.S. Census, Westfield, Hampden Co., Mass., roll 318, p. 224A.

[65] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 2:263.

[66] 1860 U.S. Census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 867, p. 466.

Thompson, Rufus
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Holland, Hampshire County[1]

By Norm Kronvall

Rufus Thompson was born at Monson, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, in 1765,[2] son of William[3] and possibly Prudence (Harrington) Thompson.[4] He died, probably at Conneaut Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, on 5 or 6 January 1841, aged 77, and was buried in the Keepville Cemetery at Albion, Erie County.[5]

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Holland, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 257.

[2] Revolutionary War Pension File, Rufus Thompson, W3621. Monson was formed from Brimfield in 1775. Vital records of neither town include this birth. William H. Tuttle, *Names and Sketches of the Pioneer Settlers of Madison County, New York* (Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lake Publishing, 1984), 250, also says he was born at Monson in 1765. This source relies on many different records but does not cite any. The author's family records say the date was 4 February 1765, but it is not certain.

[3] Charles Hammond, *History of Union, Connecticut* (New Haven, Conn.: Price, Lee & Adkins, 1893), 473.

[4] William Thompson of Canterbury, Windham Co., Conn., married Prudence Harrington at the Second Church in Preston (now in Griswold, New London, Conn.) 4 Feb. 1733/4 (Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts [New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976], Part 4, 34). Prudence would have been at least 45 at Rufus's birth. However, Charles Henry Thompson in his "Thompson Record" (Amherst, Mass., 1919), Mss A4454 in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 18, names her as this William's wife and mother of Rufus.

[5] Revolutionary War Pension file, Rufus Thompson, W3621; the place from Daughters of the American Revolution, Soldiers of the American Revolution who at some time were residents of, or whose graves are located in Erie County, Pennsylvania (Erie, Penn., 1929), 81, which says 6 January. His gravestone says 5 January. Photograph online at *findagrave.com*. Albion was formed from Conneaut in 1861.

Rufus married at Union, Tolland County, Connecticut, 24 November 1785, **Sarah Burley**.[6] She was born at Union 28 July 1768, daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Hiscock) Burley.[7] In 1846 "Sally" was living at Spring, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.[8] She died, probably at Spring, on 5 July 1848,[9] aged 75; she shares a gravestone with Rufus.[10]

Rufus enlisted at Union in June 1780 for six months in Colonel Starr's Connecticut Regiment.[11] By 1790 he had removed to Holland, Hampshire County. He was probably living at Cazenovia, Madison County, New York, in 1810 with one male under 10, one 10–16, one 16–26, himself over 45, a female 16–26, he and a female both listed as 45 or over.[12] In 1814 he served in the War of 1812 "as Sergeant in Captain Jasper Clark's company of Col. Elisha Farnham's (Madison County) 129th Regt. of New York Militia."[13] He "built a sawmill at Alene," at the town of Lincoln (formerly Lenox), Madison County, where he was at a school district meeting in 1813.[14]

In his "Record" (cited above), without mentioning Madison County, Charles Henry Thompson said the family moved from Union to Oneida County, New York, where the rest of the children were born. From there they went to Millsford, then to Lenox and to Geneva,[15] all in Ashtabula County, Ohio. However, Rufus was enumerated in 1820 at Morgan in Ashtabula County, with a male under 10, one 16–18 (and 16–26), he and Sarah both over 45.[16] In 1830 at Jefferson, Ashtabula County, an R. Thompson had a male 15–20, one 20–30, himself 60–70,

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[6] Revolutionary War Pension file, W3621, affidavit from the Union town clerk; but this record does not appear in the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records.

[7] Union Town Records (FHL microfilm, 0,005,874), 2: 266; Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages*, 5: 27 (parents' marriage in Union Congregational Church records); Charles Burleigh, *Genealogy of the Burley or Burleigh Family of America* (Portland, Maine: B. Thurston & Co., 1880), 133–34.

[8] Revolutionary War Pension file, W3621. See census records below for son Cyril.

[9] DAR, Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania, 81.

[10] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*.

[11] DAR, Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania, 81.

[12] 1810 U.S. Census, Cazenovia, Madison Co., N.Y., roll 28, p. 782.

[13] DAR, *Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania*, 81; also in a letter from George F. Thompson of Washington, D.C., 1 Dec. 1902, in Rufus Thompson's pension file.

[14] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 250.

[15] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 29–30.

[16] 1820 U.S. Census, Morgan, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, roll 87, p. 21.

and a female 50–60 in his household, which fits the family.[17] By 1840 he had removed to Conneaut Township.[18]

Children of Rufus and Sarah (Burley) Thompson:[19]

i. **Huldah Thompson**, b. 10 March 1787.

ii. **Hannah Thompson**, b. 26 Feb. 1789; d. 5 Sept. 1867, bur. at Keepville, Erie Co., Pa.;[20] m. (1) 26 Dec. 1803[21] or 5 Dec. 1805, **Kendall Farley**, b. in 1771[22] and d. 8 April 1813 in his 32nd year;[23] m. (2) at Clockville, Broome Co., N.Y., 8 Feb. 1816, **Bartholomew J. Forbes**, b. ca. 26 May 1791, son of Jacob Forbes. He d. 27 Sept. 1878, aged 87 years 4 months 1 day. Bartholomew was bur. at Keepville.[24]

iii. **Grosvenor Thompson**, b. at Union 21 Feb. 1791.[25] He "lived at Alene 1808–1820."[26] He was probably the Grosvenor Thompson at Vernon, Oneida Co., in 1820, he and a female aged 26–45 with one male and three females under 10.[27]

iv. **George Washington Thompson**, b. ca. 1797, perhaps in Onondaga Co., N.Y.;[28] d. at St. Charles, Kane Co., Ill., "in the fall of

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[17] 1830 U.S. Census, Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, roll 126, p. 141. DAR, *Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania*, 81, claims he was at Lenox, but he is not listed there in 1830.

[18] 1840 U.S. Census, Conneaut, Erie Co., Pa., roll 459, p. 153, where he is listed as a pensioner, aged 78, but he is not counted as a male 70–80 in any household on the corresponding page.

[19] Birth dates from DAR, *Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania*, 81. C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 36–40, has all except Cyril H., who is not mentioned.

[20] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 87.

[21] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 36.

[22] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 87.

[23] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 36.

[24] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 87, 91; the full marriage date, his death date and age, and thus his calculated birth date, from C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 36.

[25] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Union Vital Records, 1-B: 20.

[26] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 249.

[27] 1820 U.S. Census, Vernon, Oneida Co., N.Y., roll 73, p. 259.

[28] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 29, said his uncle, Charles Oscar Thompson, thought his father, the fourth child, George Washington Thompson, was born in Onondaga Co. C. H. Thompson was the son of Rufus Sheldon Thompson, son of George.

1869";[29] m. in Ashtabula Co. 16 Oct. 1826, **Polly Bartholomew**,[30] b. in Schoharie Co., N.Y., 28 Feb. 1800, dau. of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lamont) Bartholomew of Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co.[31] She d. at Belmond, Wright Co., Iowa, 14 Sept. 1879.[32] George "lived at Alene 1808–1820.[33] A millwright in Geneva, Ashtabula Co., in 1836 he moved to St. Charles,[34] on the "Fox River, near Elgin, Ill."[35]

v. **Cyril H. Thompson**, b. ca. 1802. In 1850 at Spring, Crawford Co., Pa., C. Thompson was aged 38, a chairmaker, with Catharine 37, Sally 14, Melissa 13, Franklin 9, and Rufus 7, all b. in Ohio, and Elijah 5, Caroline 3, and Susan 0, all b. in Pennsylvania.[36] In 1860 there, Cerrill Thompson, 48, chairmaker, b. in New York, had Catharine 49, b. in Ohio, and five children.[37]

vi. **Rufus Jefferson Thompson**, b. 29 July 1804; d. Dec. 1890, bur. in Rutland Center Cemetery, Dane Co., Wis., with his dau. Marcia (Thompson) Merrick;[38] m. in Ashtabula Co. 11 Oct. 1832,[39] **Lovina Ann Phelps** of Lenox, Ashtabula Co.,[40] said to have been b. in Maryland and d. at Glendale, Milwaukee Co., Wis.[41] He "lived at Alene 1808–1820."[42] In 1850 at Rutland, R. J. Thompson was 44, a farmer, b. in New York, with Lavinia M. 34, b. in Ohio, and children including Marcia, aged 12.[43] In 1880 at Rutland, Dane

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[29] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 38.

[30] Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889–1970, online at *Ancestry.com*, application of Gordon Kent Potter, National no. 62942, descendant of George W. and Polly (Bartholomew) Thompson; International Genealogical Index, abstracted from Ashtabula Co. Marriage Records (FHL 0,890,264).

[31] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 38; George Wells Bartholomew, *Record of the Bartholomew Family* (Austin, Texas: the author, 1885), 482–83.

[32] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 38.

[33] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 249.

[34] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 38.

[35] Bartholomew, *Bartholomew*, 483.

[36] 1850 U.S. Census, Spring, Crawford Co., Penn., roll 770, p. 20.

[37] 1860 U.S. Census, Spring, Crawford Co., Penn., roll 1100, p. 923.

[38] Photograph online at *findagrave.com*, giving his birth date, on a monument for his daughter Marcia (Thompson) Merrick (1839–1928).

[39] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 39.

[40] DAR, Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania, 81.

[41] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 39.

[42] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 249.

[43] 1850 U.S. Census, Rutland, Dane Co., Wis., roll 995, p. 276.

Co., Lavina Thompson, aged 66, b. in Ohio, was mother-in-law of Noel Merrick, aged 40, whose wife was Marcia Merrick, aged 41.[44]

vii. **Hamilton Thompson**, b. 1810; m. **Catherine Jacks** of Millsford, Ashtabula Co.[45] He "lived at Alene 1808–1820."[46] About 1844 he moved to Howards Corners in Crawford Co., Pa., and in 1852 back to Erie Co. He was a cabinetmaker.[47]

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[44] 1880 U.S. Census, Rutland, Dane Co., Wis., roll 1422, p. 318. On the same page was a Demerius Thompson, aged 82, mother-in-law to Lucius Spaulding, 63, whose wife was Marietta, aged 46, all three b. in N.Y., Demerius's parents b. in England.

[45] DAR, Soldiers of the American Revolution, Erie County, Pennsylvania, 81.

[46] Tuttle, *Pioneer Settlers of Madison County*, 249.

[47] C. H. Thompson, "Thompson Record," 40.

Tolman, Ebenezer
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Stockbridge, Berkshire County[1]

By Peter B. Ashby

Ebenezer Tolman was born at Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on 9 September 1748, son of Ebenezer and Ann (Wilson) Tolman.[2] He died at Stockbridge on 17 May 1826,[3] aged 78, and was buried in the Old Section of the Stockbridge Cemetery.[4]

Ebenezer married at Stockbridge 11 July 1771, **Dorcas Ayres**.[5] She was born at Hardwick, Worcester County, on 2 May 1750, daughter of David and Janet/Ginnet (Shaw) Ayers.[6] She died at Stockbridge on 1 May 1791,[7] aged 41, probably as a complication of childbirth, and was buried with her husband.[8] Census records suggest he married again before 1800 and perhaps a third time before 1810 (see below). When he made his will in 1826, his wife was named **Rachel**.

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 589.

2 Franklin P. Rice, *Vital Records of Leicester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 91 (birth), 217 (parents' marriage); Gerald Lee Tolman, *The Descendants of Thomas Tolman (1608)* (Yorba Linda, Calif.: Shumway Family History Services, 1996), 31, 65. This book is not adequately documented.

3 Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass., card file, Stockbridge Library, Historical Section.

4 Elsie M. Huntley, "Tombstone inscriptions Stockbridge, Massachusetts" (Great Barrington, Mass.: First Resistance Chapter, DAR, 1947), Mss A 7337, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, 56, also online at *AmericanAncestors.org*.

5 Francis Ferdinand Spies, "Stockbridge, Mass., Earliest Town Records, 1734–1800, with Genealogical Notes," Mss A 8004, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, 18; *Boston Transcript*, 9 Jan. 1918, #6782, a query by "B.O.B." asking for further information on the family but listing the marriage date and birth dates for all the children (except Amy), probably from a family record.

6 *Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1917), 14 (birth), 138 (parents' marriage).

7 Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge.

8 Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 56.

Ebenezer was probably a farmer, as in 1771 he was taxed at Stockbridge on three acres of land, one horse, four oxen, and seven goats.[9] He served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Ward's Company. He was taken prisoner at Quebec, Canada, on 31 December 1775.[10] He served again as a private in Captain Erastus Sergeant's Company, Col. Benjamin Simonds's detachment of Berkshire County militia at Fort Ticonderoga from 16 December 1776 to 22 March 1777.[11]

In 1800 at Stockbridge, Ebenezer had in his family a male under 10, one 10–16, himself over 45, four females 16–26, and one over 45.[12]

In 1810 at Stockbridge, there were a male under 10, one 16–26, Ebenezer over 45, a female under 10, one 10–16, and one 26–45.[13]

In 1820 at Stockbridge, Ebenezer had a male 18–26, himself over 45, a female 16–26 and one over 45 with two in agriculture.[14] Ebenezer made his will on 22 March 1826 giving his wife Rachel the household furniture she brought with her and the use of a third of his real estate. Daughters were Sally, wife of Abraham Williams; Lucy, wife of James Cook; Eunice, wife of George C. Morgan; Lois, wife of Truman Dewey; and Levina, wife of Sanford Bundy. There were three sons, Timothy, Elijah, and Silas Pepoon, and three grandchildren, Nathaniel, Eunice, and Lois, children of deceased son Nathaniel. The will was proved on 4 July 1826. The inventory included a fifty-acre farm in Stockbridge and a woodlot. Rachel was assigned her dower on 3 October 1826, and a settlement dated 6 June 1827 named all the above children.[15]

Children of Ebenezer and Dorcas (Ayres) Tolman, born at Stockbridge:[16]

i. **Nathaniel Tolman**, b. 16 Oct. 1771; d. before 22 March 1826 and probably before the 1810 census; m. **Olive** ___, who d. before March 1825, called "of Stockbridge," when [their son]

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[9] Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1998), 482.

[10] Joseph Ware, "Expedition Against Quebec, A Journal," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 6 [1852]: 129–45 at 136.

[11] *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1896–1908), 15: 824.

[12] 1800 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 258.

[13] 1810 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 194.

[14] 1820 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 48, p. 130.

[15] Berkshire Co. Probate, 19: 381–82, 432–35; 30: 33, 76, 174–75, 218; 31: 128–29.

[16] *Boston Transcript*, 9 Jan. 1918, #6782, has birth dates for all except Amy; Tolman, *Tolman*, 65, lists the children (except Amy), probably using birth dates from the *Transcript*.

Nathaniel Tolman was made administrator on her estate. Receipts to Nathaniel dated 5 April 1825 from daughters Eunice and Lois Tolman called Olive their mother.[17] This family was probably living with Ebenezer in 1810 and 1820.

ii. **Sarah "Sally" Tolman,** b. 2 or 12 Aug. 1773;[18] d. 9 Nov. 1837, aged 67, bur. in Sedgwick Cemetery, Stockbridge;[19] m. at Stockbridge 7 Nov. 1793, **Abraham Williams**,[20] b. at Stockbridge 23 June 1768, son of Azariah and Beulah (Brown) Williams.[21] He d. 25 April 1838, aged 73, and was bur. at Sedgwick Cemetery.[22] See the separate sketch for his parents.

iii. **Abigail Tolman**, b. 28 Dec. 1775;[23] d. 8 Dec. 1807;[24] bur. with her parents.[25]

iv. **Lucy Tolman**, b. 11 March 1778; m., probably ca. 1805, **James Cook**.[26] At West Stockbridge in 1800, James Cook's household contained two males under 10 and a male and a female 16–26,[27] which matches the family in 1810 at Stockbridge. James Cook had a male under 10, two 10–16, one 16–26, and himself 26–45, plus two females under 10 and one 26–45.[28] At least one child was Andrew J. Cook, b. in Berkshire Co. in 1819, who lived in Ohio in 1850, in Ill. in the 1860s, and from 1870 at Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kansas.[29] Another probable child was Eliza A. Cook,[30] b. in Jan. or

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[17] Berkshire Co. Probate, 28: 102, 166.

[18] Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Settlers of Watertown, Mass.* (Boston, NEHGS, 1855), 123, says 2 Aug.; *Boston Transcript*, 9 Jan. 1918, #6782, says 12 Aug.

[19] Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 52; Bond, *Watertown*, 123.

[20] Bond, *Watertown*, 123, which calls her Sarah "Tolmer."

[21] Bond, *Watertown*, 123. See the sketch for Azariah Williams.

[22] Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 52; Bond, *Watertown*, 123.

[23] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge.

[24] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge.

[25] Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 56, which includes her birth date.

[26] Tolman, *Tolman*, 65, which does not suggest a date.

[27] 1800 U.S. Census, West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 248.

[28] 1810 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 193. The male 16–26 was probably a laborer.

[29] William G. Cutler, *History of the State of Kansas* (Chicago: A. T. Andreas, 1893), online at *http://www.kancoll.org/books/cutler/sedgwick/sedgwick-co-p8.html*; 1850 U.S. Census, Bath, Greene Co., Ohio, roll 683, p. 342; not found in 1860 but two children b. Ohio ca. 1862 and 1868; 1870 U.S. Census, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kansas, roll 442, p. 67, living alone but also listed at Topeka, Ward 2, Shawnee Co., Kansas, roll 442, p. 203, with wife Anne E. and children; 1880 U.S. Census, Wichita, roll 398, E.D. 200, p. 352B.

[30] *http://thomas.tolmanfamily.org/gedcom-tree/gp3825.htm.*

June 1811,[31] d. in 1903, bur. in Forest Ave. Cemetery, Angola, Erie Co., N.Y., with her husband Ambrose Cash, b. in 1805 and d. in 1890.[32]

v. **Eunice Tolman**, twin, b. 28 Jan. 1780; d. 19 March 1831 in her 51st year [*sic*], bur. in the Old Section of Stockbridge Cemetery;[33] m. **George Cadogan Morgan**, b. at St. Tenruth, England, ca. 1786, son of George C. and Ann (___) Morgan,[34] He d. at Stockbridge 16 Dec. 1845, in his 60th year, bur. with Eunice.[35]

vi. **Lois Tolman**, twin, b. 28 Jan. 1780;[36] d. at Evans, Erie Co., 17 May 1857, aged 77;[37] m. at Stockbridge 30 June 1814, as his second wife, **Truman Dewey**,[38] b. at Stockbridge 4 Dec. 1786, son of Abner Dewey.[39] He d. at Evans Center 2 June 1853, aged 66, both bur. in Forest Ave. Cemetery, Angola.[40] In 1850 at Evans, Truman Dewey was aged 64 with Louis (female), aged 70, both b. Mass.[41] And in 1840 there, there was also Truman Dewey, aged 50–60, with a female 60–70.[42]

vii. **Lovina** or **Lavinia Tolman**, b. 21 April 1782;[43] d. at Evans 7 Feb. 1847, bur. in Evans Center Cemetery;[44] m. **Sanford Bundy**, b. at Preston, New London Co., Conn., 15 April 1783,[45] son of Ezekiel

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[31] 1900 U.S. Census, Evans, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 1033, E.D. 243, p. 11B.

[32] *Findagrave.com.*

[33] "Cemetery Transcriptions from the NEHGS Manuscript Collections," (New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002), database online at *AmericanAncestors.org.*

[34] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 20: 35, aged 59, widower, farmer, burned in his house.

[35] "Cemetery Transcriptions from the NEHGS Manuscript Collections," where the name on his gravestone is "George Cadogen Morgan."

[36] Adelbert Milton Dewey, *Life of George Dewey . . . and Dewey Family History* (Westfield, Mass.: Dewey Publishing Co., 1898), 910.

[37] Dewey, *Life of George Dewey*, 910; listed as "Lois Tollman Dewey" in Forest Ave. Cemetery, Angola, at *findagrave.com* as b. [*sic*] 1857.

[38] Dewey, *Life of George Dewey*, 910.

[39] Dewey, *Life of George Dewey*, 881, 910, his mother's name not known.

[40] *Findagrave.com.* Angola is a village in the Town of Evans.

[41] 1850 U.S. Census, Evans, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 499, p. 379.

[42] 1840 U.S. Census, Evans, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 280, p. 70.

[43] Tolman, *Descendants of Thomas Tolman*, 65, 132, says "Lavina"; *findagrave.com* says "Lovina"; *Boston Transcript*, 9 Jan. 1918, #6782, says "Lavinia"; her father's will says "Levina."

[44] *Findagrave.com.*

[45] *Findagrave.com*, perhaps from a source other than his gravestone.

and Amy (Starkweather) Bundy.[46] He d. 18 Nov. 1870 and was bur. in Evans Center Cemetery.[47] In 1840 at Evans, Sanford and a female were both 50–60, with four others in the household.[48]

viii. **Timothy Tolman**, b. 27 Jan. 1784; d. 28 Nov. 1852, aged 70 [*sic*], bur. in East Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Mich.;[49] m. (1), probably by 1815, **Martha** ___, b. ca. 1791 and d. 28 Oct. 1825, aged 34, bur. in East Farmington Cemetery;[50] m. (2) after 1830, **Rachel** ___, b. in N.Y. ca. 1786.[51] A carpenter, in 1825 Timothy settled in the area that became Farmington, Mich.[52] In 1830 Timothy Tolman was listed in Oakland Co., Mich., a male 40–50 with two males 5–10, one 15–20, one 20–30, a female under 5, and one 10–15.[53] In 1840 there were eleven in the family of Timothy "Tallman" at Farmington.[54] In 1850 at Farmington, Mich., Timothy Tolman, aged 68, b. Mass., had with him Rachel, 64, b. Mass.; James, 35, b. Mass.; Sarah, 33, and William 28, both b. N.Y.; and Samuel 18, b. Mich. On the previous page was George "Tollman," aged 31, b. N.Y.[55] In 1860 "Rachael Tolman," aged 78, was living with James Tolman, aged 43, and his family at Farmington.[56]

ix. **Elijah Tolman**, b. 1 or 27 Aug. 1786;[57] d., perhaps at Evans, 30 Sept. 1895;[58] m. 1 July 1810, **Florilla Catlin**,[59] b. at Harwinton,

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[46] Clifford N. Abbott, "Bundy Ancestry," bound typescript at NEHGS (Newmarket, N.H., 1990), 461–62, but this says only that Sanford was born ca. 1775; Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Preston Vital Records, 2: 115 (parents' marriage); Conn. State Library Index, from Preston First Church, 1: 44 (parents' marriage).

[47] *Findagrave.com.*

[48] 1840 U.S. Census, Evans, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 280, p. 70.

[49] "DAR Cemetery Transcripts for Oakland County Michigan," with his first wife and two children, online at *http://avonhistory2008.com/DAR_Alpha/tolfree_trinyan.htm*. A photograph of his gravestone is at *findagrave.com* but could not be read clearly.

[50] "DAR Cemetery Transcripts for Oakland County Michigan."

[51] Census, see below. Timothy had no wife in 1830.

[52] *http://www.farmingtonmich.com/history/Farmington_Settlers_1825.htm.*

[53] 1830 U.S. Census, Oakland Co., Mich. Territory, roll 69, p. 75.

[54] 1840 U.S. Census, Farmington, Oakland Co., Mich., roll 209, p. 46, where the oldest female was only 40–50, perhaps not Rachel, who was 64 in 1850.

[55] 1850 U.S. Census, Farmington, Oakland Co., Mich., roll 359, p. 178.

[56] 1860 U.S. Census, Farmington, Oakland Co., Mich., roll 556, p. 825.

[57] *Boston Transcript*, 9 Jan. 1918, #6782, says 1 Aug. 1786, as does Tolman, *Tolman*, 65.

[58] *http://thomas.tolmanfamily.org/gedcom-tree/gp4340.htm.* But Tolman, *Tolman*, 133, says 13 April 1869. He has not been found in the 1870 or 1880 censuses.

[59] Tolman, *Tolman*, 65, 133.

Litchfield Co., Conn., 14 Aug. 1789,[60] dau. of Elisha and Roxanna (Dewey) Catlin.[61] She d., probably at Evans, 27 Jan. 1862.[62] In 1860 at Evans, "Elija Tallman" was aged 73, a retired farmer, b. Mass., with "Flarilla," aged 70, b. Conn.[63]

x. **Amy Tolman**, b. perhaps ca. 1788 or perhaps the child of a second wife; if so, born after 1800, as she was not counted in the census; d. 3 Oct. 1807,[64] bur. with her parents.[65]

xi. **Silas Pepoon Tolman**, b. 29 April 1791; m. (1) ca. 1822, **Experience Shaw**;[66] probably m. (2) before 1860, **Malinda** ___. According to a history of China, Lee Co., Ill., "Silas Tolman and family reached Inlet in 1837 and joined the Franklin Grove colony early the next spring."[67] In 1850 at China, Silas P. was 58, a farmer b. Mass., with Experience 55, b.Vt., Adractus, 26, b. N.Y., and four others.[68] In 1860 there his name was spelled "Silas P.Tallman," aged 65, farmer, with Malinda 60, b.Vt. or Ct.[69]

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[60] Revolutionary War Pension file, Elisha and Roxanna Catlin, R1812, which includes a copy of a family Bible record.

[61] Barbour Collection, citing Harwinton Land Records, 3: 42 (parents' marriage); Revolutionary War Pension file, Elisha and Roxanna Catlin, R1812. Elisha died at Lincklaen, Chenango Co. 30 May 1826 and "Roxany" deposed on 7 March 1839, aged 77.

[62] *http://thomas.tolmanfamily.org/gedcom-tree/gp4340.htm.*

[63] 1860 U.S. Census, Evans, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 751, p. 53.

[64] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.

[65] Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 56.

[66] Frank E. Stevens, *History of Lee County, Illinois* (Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1914), 308.

[67] A. C. Bardwell, *Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Lee County* (Chicago: Munsell Co., 1904), online at *http://history.rays-place.com/il/lee-china.htm.* Franklin Grove is a village in the southeast part of China Township.

[68] 1860 U.S. Census, China, Lee Co., Ill., roll 116, p. 100.

[69] 1860 U.S. Census, China, Lee Co., Ill., roll 198, p. 548.

Tooley or Tully, Isaac

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Great Barrington, Berkshire County[1]

By Margaret Bobertz

Isaac Tooley was baptized at Killingworth, Middlesex County, Connecticut, on 28 September 1746, son of Joseph[2] and Hannah (Davis) Tooley.[3] He died at Washington, Berkshire County, sometime before 1 April 1817.[4]

He married about 1773, probably at Killingworth, **Elizabeth** _____.[5] She was born about 1750 and died in Great Barrington, Berkshire County, on 3 September 1825, aged 75.[6]

Isaac Tooly, yeoman, was of Great Barrington when on 1 December 1790 he sold to Joseph Tillotson Jr. "One certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in Great Barrington and is part of Lot Number thirty one."[7]

In 1800 Isaac Tooley was listed at Great Barrington, a male over 45 in a household with a female 16–26 and one over 45. Elijah Kilborn

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 252, as "Tully."

2 Connecticut State Library Index of Church Records, from Congregational Church Records, Killingworth, 2: 30.

3 Killingworth Deeds, 4: 534, recorded 26 March 1763, where Joseph Tooley deeded to Hayden Davis "1/8 th part of land set out to my wife Hannah Tooley, deceased, conveyed to her by the death of her brother Peter Davis of Killingworth."

4 *Berkshire Star*, 29 May 1817, 4, a notice that Samuel Phillips had been appointed administrator on the estate of Isaac Tooley, late of Great Barrington, dated 6 May 1817.

5 Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Tooley, owned the covenant at Killingworth 9 Oct. 1774, the same day daughter "Temme" was baptized (Connecticut State Library Index, from Congregational Church Records, Killingworth, 2: 50). Widow Elizabeth received an allowance from Isaac's estate in April 1817 (Berkshire Co. Probate, 21: 299–300).

6 *Berkshire Star*, 8 Sept. 1825, in the Rollin H. Cooke Collection at the Berkshire County Athenaeum in Pittsfield, Mass., 2: 37. "In Great Barrington, on the 3d instant, very suddenly, Mrs. Elizabeth Tooley, aged 75 years."

7 Berkshire County Deeds, South District, 29: 647–48.

[his son-in-law] was listed next to him.[8] Isaac was one of the "incorporators of the First Baptist Society in Great Barrington,"[9] in June 1802, comprising "mostly of inhabitants of Muddy Brook and the east part of town."[10] Tooley's name is on a list of letters left at the post office at Stockbridge as of 1 July 1808.[11] He was apparently not a head of family in 1810 at Great Barrington. While his son-in-law Elijah Kilborn was living at Great Barrington, he had no male over 45 in his family.[12]

On 4 January 1813 Isaac Tooley sold to Elijah Kilborn "forty acres . . . more or less," located in the East Division of Great Barrington. Thankful Tooley witnessed the deed.[13]

Samuel Philips, administrator, presented the account of Isaac's estate on 1 April 1817, and on 2 July 1817 Isaac's children Jacob Tooley; Thankful, wife of Roswell Bill; Lydia, wife of Elijah Kilborn; and Temperance Tooley, were each awarded $26.12 from their father's estate in addition to real estate.[14]

Children of Isaac and Elizabeth (___) Tooley, the first two born at Killingworth and the last two born probably at Great Barrington:

i. **Temperance Tooley**, bp. as "Temme" at Killingworth 9 Oct. 1774.[15] On 6 May 1817 Jacob Tooley, brother of Temperance Tooley of Great Barrington, petitioned for a guardian, she being "non compos." Benjamin Pritchard of Great Barrington was appointed guardian 1 July 1817.[16] In 1828 Pritchard petitioned the court to pay his account by selling Temperances's remaining real estate.[17]

ii. **Jacob Tooley**, bp. at Killingworth 23 March 1777;[18] d. at Great

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[8] 1800 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 110.

[9] John Wright Crane and Benjamin F. Franklin, *A History of the Town of Washington, Massachusetts* (Pittsfield, Mass.: Berkshire Family History Association, 1992, from a manuscript dated 1918), 103. See also *Acts and Resolves Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts, 1802–1803*, 52–54.

[10] Charles J. Taylor, *History of Great Barrington (Berkshire County), Massachusetts* (Great Barrington, Mass.: Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1882), 393–94.

[11] *Political Atlas*, Stockbridge, Mass., 15 July 1808, 3.

[12] 1810 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 154.

[13] Berkshire Co. Deeds, South District, 53: 442–43.

[14] Berkshire Co. Probate, 21: 300–01.

[15] Connecticut State Library Index, from Congregational Church records, Killingworth, 2: 73.

[16] Berkshire Co. Probate, 21: 298–99.

[17] *Berkshire Star & County Republican*, 17 April 1828.

[18] Connecticut State Library Index, from Congregational Church records, Killingworth, 2: 74.

Barrington 13 June 1863, aged 89 years 8 months 11 days;[19] m. at Washington, Berkshire Co., 22 May 1799, **Esther Kilbourn** of Washington,[20] probably dau. of Benjamin and Esther (Stevens) Kilbourn of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., and Pittsfield and Washington, Berkshire Co.[21] In 1850 at Lee, Berkshire Co., Jacob Tooley was aged 75 with Joseph Tooley, 40, and Lydia, 46.[22] In 1860 at Great Barrington, Jacob was said to be age 64 [*sic*], one of five paupers on a farm.[23]

iii. **Thankful Tooley**, b. say 1779; m. after 1813, as his second wife,[24] **Roswell Bill**,[25] b. at Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn., 30 March 1777, son of Elijah and Patience (Barber) Bill.[26] He d. at Monterey, Berkshire Co., 25 May 1855, aged 78, bur. in the Corashire Cemetery there.[27] In 1850 at Monterey, both Roswell and Thankful were aged 73.[28] In 1860 Thankful Bill, aged 83, b. Mass., was living at Cheshire, New Haven Co., Conn., with her daughter's family: Samuel L. Wilton [*sic*, Wilkinson] 62, Mary M. 44, and two children.[29]

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[19] Cynthia Tryon Hoogs, "Cemetery Inscriptions in Great Barrington, Massachusetts," bound typescript at NEHGS (Great Barrington, May 1987), 171, in a section titled "Great Barrington Deaths from the *Berkshire Courier*," 2 July 1863. Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 165: 34, has the death in June 1863 at Great Barrington of a *David* Tooley, aged 89, pauper, b. N.Y., no parents named.

[20] *Vital Records of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 40, "in Washington"; *Vital Records of Washington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 37.

[21] Donald Lines Jacobus, *The Bulkeley Genealogy: Rev. Peter Bulkeley . . .* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, 1933), 322. Their fifth child was named Esther but there are no dates for her. In the 1790 census at Washington, Benjamin Kilbourn had two females in his family (roll 4, p. 695). Benjamin was still there in 1800, the only female being over 45 (roll 13, p. 214).

[22] 1850 U.S. Census, Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 51.

[23] 1860 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 488, p. 374.

[24] Dorvil Miller Wilcox, *Gravestone Inscriptions, Lee, Mass.* (Lee, Mass.: Press of the Berkshire Gleaner, 1910), South Lee Cemetery, Lucinda, wife of Roswell Bill, 29 Dec. 1813, aged 32. Thankful witnessed her father's 1813 deed (see above) as Thankful *Tooley*.

[25] Named as Thankful's husband in her father's will.

[26] Donald S. Barber, *The Connecticut Barbers, a Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Barber of Windsor, Connecticut*, 2nd ed. (Westford, Vt.: the author, 2001), 24; Ledyard Bill, *History of the Bill Family* (New York: the author, 1867, 158, both of which list a son Roswell.

[27] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 93: 36, cancer or malignant tumor, farmer, born "Harwington," Conn., son of Elijah Bill. *Findagrave.com* provides his birth date.

[28] 1850 U.S. Census, Monterey, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 164, Roswell a farmer.

[29] 1860 U.S. Census, Cheshire, New Haven Co., Conn., roll 88, p. 1037. Larned

iv. **Lydia Tooley**, b. ca. 1781; d. probably between 1850 and 1860, probably at Great Barrington;[30] m. (1) at Lee 3 Jan. 1799, **Elijah Kilbourn**,[31] said to have been b. at Farmington, Conn., in Aug. 1775,[32] probably son of Richard and Mercy (Bronson) Kilbourn.[33] He d. at Great Barrington 7 Sept. 1834.[34] She m. (2) at Great Barrington 7 June 1841, Capt. **Elisha Harris**,[35] b. at Montville, New London Co., Conn., ca. 20 Aug. 1776 (calculated), son of Elijah and Abigail (Fox) Harris.[36] He d. at Great Barrington 6 June

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Wilkinson and Mary M. Bill of Tyringham married at Great Barrington 22 June 1836 (*Vital Records of Great Barrington*, 23; Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Waterbury Vital Records, 3: 249).

[30] 1850 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 306, p. 200, Elisha Harris, 74, born Conn., and Lydia Harris, 69, born Mass.; 1860 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 488, p. 410, Elisha aged 83 but Lydia not listed.

[31] *Vital Records of Great Barrington*, 40, "in Lee"; *Vital Records of Lee, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1903), 166, Lydia "of Gt. Barrington."

[32] This date appears in various entries in the International Genealogical Index, Ancestral File, and Pedigree Resource File, all entries by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with no source indicated. Richard Kilbourn's last deed at Farmington was dated 12 Jan. 1767, so he may have left before Elijah was born (Farmington Deeds, 16: 327).

[33] Jacobus, *The Bulkeley Genealogy*, 319–20, but this does not include a birth date for Elijah. A Richard Kilbourn was in the 1790 census at Westfield, Hampshire Co., with two males over 16, two under, and four females (roll 4, p. 639). In 1800 he and Elijah were on the same page in Great Barrington, Berkshire Co. (roll 13, p. 110). Elijah and Richard Kilbourn are listed together at Great Barrington, living on land owned by Barnabas Bidwell in the 1798 Direct Tax for Massachusetts and Maine (online at *AmericanAncestors.org*). Richard is not found in land records in either Hampshire [now Hampden] or Berkshire County deeds.

[34] Lydia's petition for probate on the estate of Elijah "Kilburn" on 7 Oct. 1734 (Berkshire County Probate, 39: 54), ". . . that he died on the 7th day of September AD 1834, leaving your petitioner his widow, Typhena, wife of Elisha Pixley, David Kilbourn, Lydia wife of Milton Richards, Elijah Kilbourn, Sally Kilbourn, Josiah R. Kilbourn and Mercy P. Kilbourn children and heirs at law of said deceased." *Findagrave.com* has an entry for an Elijah Kilbourn buried in the Center Cemetery, Monterey, Berkshire Co., died 17 Sept. 1831 [*sic*] but with no birth date or age and no photograph. The date may have been unclear. Monterey is just east of Great Barrington but at the time was part of the town of Tyringham.

[35] *Vital Records of Great Barrington*, 40.

[36] Elijah and Abigail (Fox) Harris were cousins (Gale Ion Harris, "James and Sarah [Eliot?] Harris of Boston and New London," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 154 [2000]: 3–32 at 26 [Abigail], 31 [Elijah]; Margaret Harris Stover, "Ephraim[3] Harris," *The Connecticut Nutmegger* 35 (March 2003): 616–25 at 619–20, which says Elisha had m. (1) Hannah Bailey.

1861, aged 84 years 9 months 17 days,[37] and was bur. in Muddy Brook Cemetery there.[38] In 1850 at Great Barrington, Elisha was aged 74, b. Conn., with Lydia, age 69, b. Mass. In 1860 there he was aged 83, living with William Harris, aged 57. Lydia was not listed in the household.[39]

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[37] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 147:37, farmer, b. Montville, Conn., son of Elijah and Abigail.

[38] Mary E. and Emma Lee Walton, "Inscriptions in the Muddy Brook Cemetery, Great Barrington, Mass.," *Register* 76 (1922): 176. Also buried there is Hannah Harris, wife of Capt. Elisha Harris, died 10 Dec. 1840 in her 71st year.

[39] See note 30.

Tyler, John
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Lenox, Berkshire County[1]

By Diane McGowan Tichenor

John Dimon[?] Tyler[2] was born in Connecticut in September 1764,[3] his parents not known.[4] He died at Lenox on 10 March

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 342.

2 Revolutionary War Pension file, John and Waity Tyler, W3890, in a letter in the pension file dated 17 Feb 1905 from his 2nd great-granddaughter Martha Thompson to U.S. Commissioner of Pensions, "... my ancestor, John Dimon Tyler...." No earlier documentation of a middle name has been found. He signed his name on pension file documents as "John Tyler."

3 Charles Tyler Dunn Bible, *The New Testament* (New York: Daniel D. Smith, 1823), pages photocopied, submitted for DAR #520980, Bessie Ferrell Young. On the page for births it says, "John Tyler Sept 19 1764." The DAR application of Gertrude C. Parker Reed, member #42477, the earliest DAR application for patriot John D. Tyler, gives his birth date as 26 September 1764 and his birthplace as Connecticut. The twenty-two subsequent DAR applications, including that of Bessie Ferrell Young, for John D. Tyler list the same information. In the 1880 U.S. Census, Village of Geneva, Ontario Co., N.Y., roll 908, p. 199A, Amanda (Tyler) Parker, daughter of John, gave his birthplace as Connecticut.

4 A possible paternity is given as fact in Willard I. Tyler Brigham and Calvin Cedric Tyler, *The Tyler Genealogy, The Descendants of the Branford Connecticut Line of Roger Tyler, Volume III* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: the author, 1976), 247. With no source cited, this book gives the parents of John as Titus Tyler and Susannah Berry of Woodbury, Connecticut. Titus Tyler married Susannah Berry at Woodbury 11 Jan. 1759 (Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Woodbury Vital Records, 1: 4) or at Bethlehem, Conn., 15 Jan 1759 (Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts [New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976], part 5, p. 30). Another undocumented story is in Hattie Byrd Muncy Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County, Virginia, and Adjacent Counties Volume II* (Greensboro, N.C.: Media, Inc., 1977), 738, where Bales incorrectly gives John's father as George Tyler, Revolutionary soldier and George Washington bodyguard. This George Tyler of Virginia was an ancestor of Frederick DeBow Fulkerson III, who, on a different line, was also a descendant of John Tyler of Berkshire County through his daughter Sarah (Frederick DeBow Fulkerson IV, "Ancestor Table," *The Berkshire Genealogist*, 15 [1994]: 92–93).

1840[5] in his 75th year and was buried in the Church on the Hill Cemetery at Lenox.[6]

John was married, probably by Samuel Munson, Congregational minister at Lenox, on 6 October 1789 to **Waitstill Fuller**, but a later pastor and the town clerk declared they could not find a record of the marriage.[7] Often called "Waity," she was born at Sackville, Nova Scotia, on 27 November 1764, daughter of Jacob and Deborah (Tower) Fuller of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts.[8] She died at Rose Hill, Lee County, Virginia, 7 May 1850,[9] and is buried in the Fulkerson Cemetery at Rose Hill.[10]

In his application for a pension on 27 April 1818, John Tyler of Lenox, aged 53 years, said that he had enlisted at Woodbury, Connecticut, on 26 January 1780 in the company led by Capt. Comstock in Col. Isaac Sherman's 5th Connecticut Regiment. After several transfers and "sundry" battles, including Yorktown, he was discharged at West Point in 1783. On 3 July 1820 he again deposed, saying that he was a mason but could not work because of rheumatism and "lameness" in his back.[11]

In February 1790 John was among the Lenox residents who signed a petition for a new road.[12] The first mention of him in the Lenox town records was March 1792 when he was chosen tithingman.[13] On

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[5] Revolutionary War Pension file, John and Waity Tyler, W3890.

[6] Mabel A. Parsons, "Vital Records Copied From Grave Stones in the Cemetery of The Old Church on the Hill, Lenox, Massachusetts," typescript (Lenox, Mass., 1941), 70; photograph at *findagrave.com* where the stone says "in his 75 year," but an annotation says he was born 26 September 1764 and that he served in both the Revolution and the War of 1812, which is incorrect; his son, John Jr., served in the War of 1812 and applied for a pension.

[7] Revolutionary War Pension file, John and Waity Tyler, W3890.

[8] James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth 1642–1896*, 2 parts (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897; reprint Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1992), 1: 144 (parents' marriage), 2: 615 (birth).

[9] Revolutionary War Pension file, John and Waity Tyler, W3890.

[10] *Cemeteries of Lee County Virginia*, 2 vols. (Jonesville, Virginia: Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society, 1998–1999), 1: 203; photograph of the gravestone online at *findagrave.com*.

[11] Revolutionary War Pension file, John and Waity Tyler, W3890. This service is partially confirmed in *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution. II. War of 1812. III. Mexican War* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood and Brainard, 1889), 364–65, which lists John Tyler of Woodbury who enlisted 26 Jan. 1781 under Capt. Kimberly, Col. Heman Swift, on a roll dated 1 Feb. 1783.

[12] Rollin Hillyer Cooke, "Lenox Church Records from R. C. Rockwell's Copy" (Pittsfield, Mass., 1902), 367.

[13] Town and Vital Records, Lenox, Berkshire County, Mass. [FHL 250307], 254.

16 March 1795 the town paid him £14.19.0, the largest single amount of more than twenty payments recorded at that meeting.[14] No reason is given for the sum, but John may have done masonry work for the town. John was among those who incorporated the Episcopal Society in Lenox in 1805,[15] but he had been listed as an Episcopalian in the town minutes beginning 5 May 1794, when the first lists of church members in denominations other than Congregational were included in town minutes, (Methodist and Baptist members were also listed).[16]

Although he lived at Lenox, John's land must have been close to the Stockbridge line. On 24 April 1795 he was a "mason, of Lenox" when he bought five acres and a shop at Stockbridge.[17] The next year he bought land at Lenox on 12 March 1796.[18] When he made his 1820 declaration for his pension, he itemized his belongings, presumably to show that he did not possess land that could support him. But only five days before, on 28 June, he had sold his land in Lenox and Stockbridge to his son Chester, "tin plate worker," for $400.[19] Then, on 6 December 1830, Chester quitclaimed it back to John, again for $400.[20] It was not until 12 April 1841 that Waity sold all of it, this time to James S. Smith, who mortgaged it back to her on the same day. Then five months later, on 12 September 1841, George Walker, agent for Waity, discharged the mortgage.[21]

John made his will at Lenox 11 August 1839, and it was proved on 5 May 1840. He gave his whole estate to his wife Waity, who was to be executrix, but gave nothing to his children, though he did name all those who were living, the daughters with their married surnames.[22]

After John's death Waity stayed at Lenox only one year.[23] It was probably in the summer of 1841 that she moved to Lee County, Virginia, to join sons Loring and Henry, who had moved there about 1834.[24] She

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[14] Town and Vital Records, Lenox, 319–20.

[15] Cooke, "Lenox Church Records," 117.

[16] Lenox town records, 310, 325, 339, 355.

[17] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 34: 175.

[18] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 36: 81–82.

[19] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 62: 394.

[20] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 79: 44.

[21] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 95: 451 (mortgage and discharge); 101: 536 (sale).

[22] Berkshire County Probate, 102: 454 (will).

[23] Revolutionary War Pension file, John and Waity Tyler, W3890.

[24] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County, Volume II*, 739–41.

made her will in Lee County on 1 July 1849, naming children Sarah D. Dunn, Henry C. Tyler, John Tyler, Loring K. Tyler, Amanda Parker, Permelia Morse, Chester Tyler, and Elisa Johnson. She also named "Harriet E. Tyler, daughter of my son Chester Tyler."[25]

Children of John and Waitstill (Fuller) Tyler, all born at Lenox:[26]

i. **Chester Tyler**, b. 3 Oct. 1790; d. at Lenox 31 Oct. 1876, aged 86 years 26 days, a "tinner";[27] m. there 3 May 1819 **Abigail "Nabby" Sizer**,[28] dau. of Anthony and Lucretia (Ward) Sizer, b. at Middletown, Conn., 21 Aug. 1790,[29] d. at Lenox 31 July 1878, aged 87 years 11 months 10 days.[30] Both are bur. in the Church on the Hill Cemetery.[31]

ii. **Charles Tyler**, b. 9 June 1792;[32] d. at Lenox 26 March 1811.[33]

iii. **John Tyler**, b. 29 Jan. 1794;[34] d. at Cascade, Sheboygan Co, Wis., 20 Sept. 1878;[35] m. at New Lebanon, Columbia Co., N.Y., 14 Jan. 1818, **Huldah Warren**,[36] b. Mass. ca. 1799,[37] d. 1857.[38]

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[25] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County,* 738, which reproduces the text of the will.

[26] Lenox town records, 415, for the first five children; all except the two deceased named in John's will and Waity's will. All those who lived were also named by a contemporary, Horace F. Moore of Lenox, in his deposition in John's pension file.

[27] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 283: 47, his parents named.

[28] Lenox town records, 376.

[29] Lillian Josephine Hubbard Holch, *Sizer Genealogy* (Brooklyn, N.Y.: Bowles, Printer, 1941), 109. Nabby's death record says she was born in Middletown, Conn., and her father's declaration for a pension on 2 Oct. 1832 says he moved from Middletown to Blandford "about forty years ago," i.e., ca. 1792 (Revolutionary War Pension, Anthony Sizer, W24550).

[30] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 301: 45, as "Nabby," born at Middletown, Conn., but parents named as John and Lucretia. It is not unusual to find a parent's name wrong on the death record of an elderly person.

[31] Parsons, *Grave Stones in the Cemetery of the Old Church on the Hill,* 70; photographs online at *findagrave.com.*

[32] Lenox town records, 415.

[33] Cooke, "Lenox Church Records," 354, as only "son of John Tyler" with the date. The Charles T. Dunn Bible has the name and death date as "March 27 181_," the last digit missing.

[34] Lenox town records, 415.

[35] War of 1812 Pension, John Tyler, claim #3117, includes a letter from the postmaster, Cascade, Wisconsin, 20 Jan. 1880, "John Tyler died on the 20th of Sep 1878 age 84 years & 8 months."

[36] War of 1812 Pension, John Tyler, claim #3117.

[37] 1850 U.S. Census, Fowler, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., roll 389, p. 232B, Huldah aged 51. There was a child named "Waity," surely for her grandmother.

[38] 1928 DAR application of Annie L. Kendall Kissel, #248297, granddaughter of John

iv. **Sarah Deborah Tyler**, b. 20 Oct. 1795;[39] d. at Louisburg, Miami Co., Kans., 2 June 1882;[40] m. at Lenox 9 March 1818, **John Douglas Dunn**,[41] b. at Glasgow, Scotland, 12 Nov. or 11 Dec. 1789,[42] son of David and Sarah (Browne) Dunn. He d. in Buchanan Co., Mo., 20 Oct. 1859.[43] Both are bur. in Green Cemetery, Andrew Co., Mo., near St. Joseph, Buchanan Co.[44]

v. **Amanda Tyler**, b. 13 March 1797;[45] d. at Geneva, Ontario Co., N.Y., 31 Oct. 1885;[46] m. at Lenox 24 Jan. 1816, **Giles Parker**,[47] b. at Lenox 18 July 1793,[48] son of Eliada and Beulah (Parker) Parker. He d. at Geneva 7 Feb. 1874.[49] Both are bur. in Glenwood Cemetery in Geneva.[50]

vi. **Pamelia Tyler**,[51] b. 12 June 1799;[52] d. at Porter, Cass Co., Mich., 9 July 1871;[53] m. 30 June 1828, **Erastus Ziba Morse**, b. Cavendish,

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Tyler Jr. and Huldah Warren.

[39] Lenox town records, 415.

[40] *Bicentennial History of Lee County, Virginia, 1792–1992* (Jonesville, Va.: Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society and Don Mills, 1992), 231, which says 4 June 1882 and that she died in Louisburg at the home of Marrietta Fulkerson Menefee.

[41] Charles T. Dunn Bible.

[42] *Bicentennial History of Lee County*, 231, which cites State Department records that show he came to this country as a British soldier in the War of 1812 and says he was naturalized on 4 1826, citing Berkshire County Court of Common Pleas, Vol. 47.

[43] *Bicentennial History of Lee County*, 231.

[44] List of burials in Green Cemetery, including photographs of the monument with birth and death dates for both, *www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mobuchan/GreenCemeteryA_H.htm*.

[45] Lenox town records, 415.

[46] Amanda Tyler Parker obituary, *Geneva Gazette*, Geneva, N.Y., 6 Nov. 1885.

[47] Lenox town records, 375.

[48] Lenox town records, 430; Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages*, part 4, p. 64 (parents' marriage in Wallingford, Conn., Eliada "of Lenox").

[49] Giles Parker obituary, *Geneva Gazette*, Geneva, N.Y., 13 Feb. 1874, 3, "In this village on Saturday morning February 7th, Giles Parker, Sr., aged 80 years, 6 months and 20 days."

[50] Diane H. Stigler, *Index of Burials in Glenwood Cemetery, City of Geneva, Ontario County, New York* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 2000), 205. See also, *http://ontario.nygenweb.net/glenwoodcempart2.htm*, which says Giles died 18 July 1874.

[51] Spelled "Permelia" in her father's will and his pension file and "Parmelia" in her mother's will.

[52] Charles T. Dunn Bible.

[53] *Michigan Deaths and Burials, 1800–1995*, database online at *FamilySearch.org*, from Cass Co. Death Records, A: 34 (FHL 1,021,048), as "Parmela," b. Mass., her parents named as John and Waity Tyler.

Windsor Co., Vt., 27 July 1809, son of Asa and Anna (Bowman) Morse. He. d. 24 Jan. 1892 at Union[54] or Porter, Cass Co.[55]

vii. **Loring Kellogg Tyler**, b. 11 April 1801;[56] d. in Lee Co., Va., 24 Feb. 1872,[57] buried in Suttle Cemetery, Lee Co.;[58] m., probably in Mass., 1 Nov. 1829, **Miranda Reed**, b. at West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., 17 May 1810,[59] dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Loveridge) Reed.[60] She d. Sheridan Co., Kansas, 29 July 1894,[61] bur. in Hoxie Cemetery, Hoxie, Sheridan Co.[62] They had lived at Austerlitz, Columbia Co., N.Y., before moving to Virginia about 1830.[63]

viii. **Henry Tyler**, b. 20 March 1803;[64] d. Lenox 14 Feb. 1806.[65]

ix. **Eliza Tyler**, b. 1805;[66] d. after 1 July 1849;[67] m. ___ **Johnson**.[68]

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[54] All the previous data from Drout Ketcham Wilde's *Ancestry.com* public family tree for Erastus Ziba Morse and Permelia Tyler, 2009, where the source given is SAR Cemetery Inscriptions. The 1860 U.S. Census, Calvin, Cass Co., Mich., roll 541, p. 108, says he was aged 50, born in Vt., a master carpenter. Permelia was 55, b. Mass., and three children were born in N.Y. See J. Howard Morse, *Morse Genealogy* (New York: the author, 1903), 179, for Erastus's family. This says he married Parmelia Taylor [*sic*] and moved to Newark, N.J.

[55] *Michigan Deaths and Burials, 1800–1995*, database online at *FamilySearch.org*, which names his parents, from Cass Co. Death Records, A: 213 (FHL 1,021,048).

[56] Charles T. Dunn Bible. However, Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County*, 739, says 17 April 1801.

[57] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County*, 739.

[58] *Cemeteries of Lee County, Virginia, Vol. 2*, 867.

[59] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County*, 739; *Vital Records of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1907), 41.

[60] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County*, 739.

[61] *Bicentennial History of Lee County*, 450. Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County*, 739, has the same date but says she died in Lee Co.

[62] Online at *http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/sheridan/Cemeteries/Hoxie/t.html*, where it lists Miranda Reed Tyler, 5/29/1810–7/29/1894.

[63] *Bicentennial History of Lee County*, 450.

[64] Charles T. Dunn Bible.

[65] Cooke, "Lenox Church Records," 353, as unnamed "child of John Tyler"; Charles T. Dunn Bible.

[66] Charles T. Dunn Bible.

[67] Named in her mother's will on that date.

[68] She was called Eliza or Elisa Johnson in both her parents' wills.

x. **Henry C. Tyler**, b. in Berkshire Co. Nov. 1807;[69] d. at Rose Hill 23 Jan. 1850,[70] aged 48 [*sic*];[71] m. **Jane E. Fulkerson**,[72] b.Virginia 10 or 20 Jan. 1813,[73] dau. of John and Jeancy (Hughes) Fulkerson,[74] She d. at Rose Hill 14 Jan. 1850,[75] aged 37,[76] both buried in the Fulkerson Cemetery near Rose Hill.[77]

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[69] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County,* 740, which says 7 Nov. 1807, but his gravestone says 17 Nov. 1807.

[70] *Cemeteries of Lee County,* 203; photograph of his gravestone at *findagrave.com.*

[71] *Ancestry.com, U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885,* database online (Provo, Utah: *Ancestry.com* Operations, Inc., 2010) says in Feb. 1850 [*sic*], of typhoid fever, a merchant, b. Mass.

[72] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County,* 741; *Bicentennial History of Lee County,* 450.

[73] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County,* 744, says 10 Jan.; her gravestone, photograph at *findagrave.com,* clearly says 20 Jan.

[74] Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County,* 741.

[75] *Cemeteries of Lee County,* 203; Bales, *Early Settlers of Lee County,* 744, says 14 Jan., as does her gravestone, but the annotation by the submitter at *findagrave.com* says 15 Jan.

[76] *Ancestry.com, Mortality Schedules,* says she died in Feb. 1850 [*sic*] of pneumonia, b.Va.

[77] *Cemeteries of Lee County,* 203.

Warner, David
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Amherst, Hampshire County[1]

By Marti Lynes

David Warner, was born at Amherst, probably on 9 December 1755,[2] and was baptized there on 23 May 1756,[3] son of Aaron and Ruth (Selden) Warner and brother of Elisha, Jonathan, and Noadiah Warner,[4] all residents of Hampshire County in 1790. David died at Amherst on 10 December 1828, aged 72 years [*sic*] 1 day,[5] and was buried in the West Cemetery there.[6] Lucien Warner states that Aaron had a second wife Esther,[7] but on 18 February 1790 Aaron's widow Ruth petitioned the court to allow her a list of personal items valued at £10 14*s*.[8]

David married, probably at "Chatham-Portland," Connecticut, on 12 February 1783, **Lucy (___) Orchard**,[9] probably widow of Richard Orchard of Chatham, Middlesex County, Connecticut.[10] She was

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Wendell, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 2.

2 Calculated from his age at death and the year adjusted reflecting the date of his baptism. Lucien C. Warner, *The Descendants of Andrew Warner* (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1919), 229, says only 1756.

3 James Avery Smith, *Families of Amherst, Massachusetts*, 4 vols., typescript (Amherst, Mass.: May 1984), 4: 750.

4 Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 750.

5 Lucius M. Boltwood, *Genealogies of Hadley Families* (Northampton, Mass., Metcalf & Co., 1862; repr. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979), 148.

6 Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 752; Amherst West Cemetery Inscriptions 1743–1929 in Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003).

7 Warner, *Descendants of Andrew Warner*, 229.

8 Hampshire Co. Probate, 15: 332; 16: 109; 17: 64.

9 Boltwood, *Hadley Families*, 148; Warner, *Descendants of Andrew Warner*, 229. Portland was organized from East Hampton (formerly called Chatham) in 1841.

10 Richard, son of Richard and Lucy Orchard was born at Chatham 22 Nov. 1775

born about 1756, as she was aged 63 when she died 30 May 1819, and was buried in the West Cemetery at Amherst.[11]

David apparently did not serve in the Revolution, although his brothers Jonathan and Elisha did.[12]

On 7 January 1790 Aaron Warner's estate was declared insolvent. On 17 December 1791 David, as administrator, sold land at Amherst bounded by the west bound of Pelham and on the south by land of Jonathan Edwards to Nathaniel Edwards for £46 10*s*.[13] On 11 June 1792 David deeded to Elisha Warner twenty-four acres with dwelling house in the Third Division, part of the lot owned "by my father deceased," for £100.[14] On 20 April 1807 David quitclaimed to his brother Jonathan on the thirty acres where Jonathan lived at Amherst for $2.00.[15] These transactions suggest that David settled with the other heirs on a cash basis, perhaps with proceeds from the sales. When the accounting was finally filed, he still owed a total of £15 3*s* 8*d* to Jeremiah Cady, husband of his sister Hannah; Jesse Emerson, husband of his sister Lucy; and his sister Maribee's husband, Eli Colton.[16]

David was a resident of Amherst with some livestock in 1780. "In 1785 he had 6 acres dev[eloped] and 32 acres undev[eloped]." In 1795 he was a farmer with ten acres developed and twenty-six acres undeveloped. In 1798 he had two houses valued under $100, thirty-five acres of taxable land, and forty acres exempt from taxation.[17] In the 1800 census he was in Amherst.[18] He was listed on the Amherst voter's list in

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(Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Chatham Vital Records, 1: 136). Richard Orchard of Chatham married at Yarmouth, Barnstable Co., Mass., 21 July 1796, Experience Cash, and Experience died at Springfield, Hampshire Co. [now in Hampden Co., Mass.], 26 Dec. 1825, aged 52 (Robert M. and Ruth Wilder Sherman, *Vital Records of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Warwick, R.I.: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1975], 566–67; Clifford L. Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts, to 1850*, 4 vols. [Boston: NEHGS, 2003], 1: 563; 3: 2457, 2509).

[11] Amherst West Cemetery Inscriptions in Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection, Volume I.*

[12] Edward Wilton Carpenter, *History of the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts* (Amherst, Mass.: Carpenter & Morehouse, 1896), 610, 612.

[13] Hampshire Co. Probate, 17: 64.

[14] Hampshire Co. Deeds, 4: 483.

[15] Hampshire Co. Deeds, 4: 483; 5: 526; 26: 240.

[16] Hampshire Co. Probate, 17: 84. Frederick C. Warner (1886–1983), Noadiah Warner typescript, copy given to the submitter when he was 91 years old.

[17] Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 752.

[18] 1800 U.S. Census, Amherst, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 15, p. 861.

1802.[19] In 1820 he had a fifty-eight-acre farm, and three years before his death he had buildings, sixty-six acres, a horse and livestock, and $100 at interest.[20]

Children of David and Lucy (___) (Orchard) Warner:

i. **Phineas Warner,** b. at Amherst 28 April 1786; d. there 17 July 1855;[21] m. at Bolton, Tolland Co., Conn., **Octavia Dewey**, bp. at Bolton 22 June 1788, dau. of Solomon and Christiana (Cone) Dewey. Octavia d. at Amherst 14 Feb. 1865, aged 77 years 1 month 4 days.[22] Phineas lived and died on the farm that had been allotted to his great-grandfather Jacob Warner in the laying out of Amherst.[23] In 1820 he was taxed only on his poll at Amherst. In 1825 he had livestock, and in 1830 he had buildings on forty-one acres as well as livestock and $500 at interest. From 1835 until 1850 his holding consisted of forty-eight acres of land, a horse, and other livestock.[24] Four children, one died young.[25]

ii. **Polly Warner,** b. ca. 1787; d. 27 Nov. 1807 in her 20th year, bur. in West Cemetery, Amherst.[26]

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[19] Carpenter, *History of Amherst*, 610, 612.

[20] Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 752.

[21] Warner, *Descendants of Andrew Warner*, 229; "Quarterly Obituary," *Register* 10 [1856]: 103, which also gives his birth date and line back to Andrew[1] Warner.

[22] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 184: 1; Adelbert M. Dewey, *Life of George Dewey* (Westfield, Mass.: Dewey Publishing Co., 1898), 427–28.

[23] "Quarterly Obituary," *Register* 10 [1856]: 103.

[24] Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 753, which notes only two children.

[25] Warner, *Descendants of Andrew Warner*, p. 229.

[26] Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 752; Amherst West Cemetery Inscriptions in Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection, Vol. I.*

WARNER, JONATHAN
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AMHERST, HAMPSHIRE COUNTY[1]

By Marti Lynes

JONATHAN WARNER was born at Amherst on 3 November 1759,[2] son of Aaron and Ruth (Selden) Warner.[3] He died at South Wales, Erie County, New York, 14 January 1845 and was buried in South Wales Cemetery.[4]

Jonathan married at Amherst on 2 December 1779,[5] **MARGARET ELIZABETH ZUILL**. She was born at Stratford, Connecticut, on 1 February 1761,[6] daughter of Alexander and Frances (Patteshall) (Rush) Zuill,[7]

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[1] 1790 U.S. Census, Amherst, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 1.

[2] Revolutionary War Pension, Jonathan Warner, 11708, Amherst then being part of Hadley.

[3] James Avery Smith, *Families of Amherst, Massachusetts*, 4 vols., typescript (Amherst, Mass.: 1984), 4: 750, Jonathan's family treated at 4: 752.

[4] Delores Wild, "Cemetery records, Town of Wales, Erie County, New York, 1763–1983," typescript at Wales Memorial Building, Village of South Wales (1983) [FHL 1,381,604], lot #28. See also *http://wnyroots.tripod.com/index-wales-south-cem.html*.

[5] Margaret's own deposition and a fragment of a family record in Revolutionary War Pension, file 11708; Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County, Massachusetts*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), in Amherst Marriage Intentions and Deaths, 1739–1847, no page number, her name spelled "Sewal."

[6] Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Stratford Vital Records, LR5: 68. Her siblings Alexander Robert and Frances Jane were born there as well.

[7] Suffolk County, Mass., Deeds, 183: 108, where on 21 May 1796 Samuel Rush, of Adams, Berkshire Co., Benjamin and Elizabeth Smith of Amherst, Robert Alexander Zuill of Grafton, Vt., Josiah Ballard, husband of Frances Jane (Zuill) Ballard and Jonathan Warner, children of Frances (Patteshall) (Rush) (Zuill) Peck sold their late mother's real estate. No record of her marriage to ____Rush has been found. However, her maiden name appears in William Eben Stone, "Genealogical Research in England, Patteshall," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 72 [1918]: 153–58 at 157–58, as Frances Patteshall who married between 1753 and 1764 "___

who were married at Stratford on 20 January 1759 by Rev. Edward Winslow.[8] Margaret died at Spring Brook, in Elma, Erie Co., New York, on 3 March 1848,[9] aged 88, and was buried in the South Wales Cemetery.[10]

Jonathan Warner served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Oliver Lyman's Company.[11] He is on the list of men who served at Dorchester October 1776–March 1777. He enlisted again 8 May 1777 as a private in Col. Leonard's Regiment for two months' service. The company marched from Hampshire County to reinforce the Continental Army at Ticonderoga. He also was ordered out on an alarm at Bennington on 17 August 1777.[12] He again served for five days ending 19 August 1779 and for three months starting 1 January 1779 at "guarding troops on Convention at Rutland."[13] Later he apparently took part in Shays' Rebellion, as he took the oath of allegiance in February or March 1787.[14]

At age 74 Jonathan applied for a pension on 16 October 1833 at Amherst, detailing the above service. His pension commenced on 4 March 1834, and on 18 April 1834 he requested that payment be transferred to Buffalo, New York, "where I expect to remain with my children who live in that place," as his children were living at the town of Wales.[15]

Carpenter's history of Amherst, in a discussion of roads, lists Jonathan with the opportunity to purchase land bounding on new town ways, forty-six rods by 4½ rods.[16] On 26 December 1791 Jonathan War-

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Zuillor[?]." Frances Peck wife of Simeon Peck died 15 June 1795 in the 67th year of her age (Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Amherst, Center [West] Cemetery, ref. #51).

[8] Barbour Collection, citing Stratford Vital Records, LR5: 68 (parents' marriage).

[9] Membership application, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sina May Warner Cox, National no. 335111, on Jonathan Warner (1759–1845, Massachusetts), Ancestor #A121177.

[10] Wild, "Cemetery records, Town of Wales" [see note 4].

[11] Edward Wilton Carpenter, *History of the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts*, 2 parts (Amherst, Mass.: Carpenter & Morehouse, 1896), 1: 84.

[12] Ibid.; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 17 vols. (Boston: Wright and Potter, 1896–1908), 16: 589.

[13] Massachusetts State Archives, Revolutionary Rolls, 18: 149; 25: 119.

[14] Carpenter, *History of Amherst*, 1: 133. An Alexander "Guill" also signed the oath, probably an error for Alexander Zuill, Jonathan Warner's brother-in-law.

[15] Revolutionary War Pension, Jonathan Warner, 11708.

[16] Carpenter, *History of Amherst*, 2: 114.

ner gave as security £1–14–6 with David Warner, bondsman "for a bit of town land at the east end of the lot on which Jonathan Warner now lives." In the "Voters' List, 1802" for Amherst, Jonathan is listed with his brother David and Elisha.[17]

When Jonathan's father died in 1787, administration of the estate was given to his brother David Warner. As part of the settlement, on 20 April 1807 David quitclaimed for $2 to his brother Jonathan on thirty acres where Jonathan was living at Amherst.[18] In January 1808 Jonathan "with his wife Margaret Elizabeth sold to his sons Aaron and Jonathan his home farm in Amherst and also land in Hadley 'on Mount Hollock so-called' [i.e., Mt. Holyoke]."[19]

On 5 January 1808 Jonathan's son Aaron Warner sold to his brother Jonathan Warner Jr. for $1,000 half of the "farm whereon we dwell in Amherst."[20] By 1810 Aaron was at Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York.[21]

Jonathan's whereabouts between 1800 and 1834 are determined in part from his pension record. He does not appear in the 1800 census but having sold his land at Amherst by 1808, he appears in the 1810 census at Sempronius, a male over 45.[22] On 16 October 1833 he declared, "I was born in said Amherst Nov. 3, 1759, my birth is not recorded in the office of the town clerk. I always lived here [Amherst], excepting the last twenty two years, during which I have till within four weeks, resided in the State of New York."[23]

On 13 April 1812 Jonathan's son Jonathan Jr. of Sempronius bought fifty acres there from John Moore. His brother Aaron bought from the same man fifty acres on 1 May 1812, both in lot #63.[24] Then Aaron and his wife Rebecca sold lot #63 to Jonathan Jr. on 4 January 1815. Joel Bliss, husband of daughter Frances, and Elisha Warner witnessed.[25] This suggests that at least four of the Warner siblings went to Cayuga County before moving farther west to Erie County. On 26 January 1816 Aaron

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[17] Carpenter, *History of Amherst*, 1: 610; see also 612, where the brothers are listed as soldiers in the Revolution.

[18] Hampshire County Deeds, 26: 240.

[19] Lucien Warner, *The Descendants of Andrew Warner* (New Haven, Conn: 1919), 229.

[20] Hampshire County Deeds, 26: 272.

[21] 1810 U.S. Census, Sempronius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 31, p. 1132.

[22] 1810 U.S. Census, Amherst, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 31, p. 10.

[23] Revolutionary War Pension, Jonathan Warner, 11708.

[24] Cayuga County Deeds, N: 324, 326.

[25] Cayuga County Deeds, Q: 452.

of Sempronius also sold fifty acres in lot #64 to Walter Wood.[26] "The hamlet of South Wales [in the Town of Wales] may be considered to date from 1816 when Aaron Warner built a tavern there on land bought of John Russell."[27] In 1820 Aaron, aged 26–45, was enumerated at Wales, then in Niagara County, New York.[28]

In 1830 at Holland, Erie County, Aaron was aged 40–50 and an older man was 60–70, perhaps his father, Jonathan.[29] A letter from daughter Frances (Warner) Bliss to her parents in South Wales, was dated 16 April 1843,[30] so Jonathan was still there less than two years before his death. Residents of the north part of Holland may have used the South Wales post office and cemetery. A pension for Jonathan's service was granted to his widow, Margaret, on 27 October 1845, while a resident of Wales, aged 84.[31]

Mary Warner Cox Hoagland had a copy of a letter regarding Jonathan Warner's wife, Margaret, dated 8 June 1902, written by Celia Bennett Gary to Dr. W. H. Warner, which includes the following:[32]

> Our great-grandmother, *Margaret Warner,* died with Aunt Jane [her daughter who m. Lewis Northrup] – she was the Zuill woman. I remember her as a testy spry old lady, dressed in a short gown and camelet skirt with a bunch of keys at her side and always telling us how children did when she was young. She was very secretive and naught but death could reveal what historic papers she possessed. Grandfather was more pleasant, but we steed in awe of his old crutch. I can remember his pension – I think it was $8.00.

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[26] Cayuga County Deeds, Q: 463.

[27] H. Perry Smith, *History of the City of Buffalo and Erie County,* 2 vols. (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1884), 1: 569.

[28] 1820 U.S. Census, Wales, Niagara Co., N.Y., roll 69, p. 225; Erie Co. was formed in 1821.

[29] 1830 U.S. Census, Holland, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 114, p. 214. Holland is just south of Wales.

[30] A letter addressed to Mr. Jonathan Warner, South Wales, Erie Co., New York, from Lexington, Ind., typed copy in possession of the author. It describes her visit to brother Alexander Z. Warner and his eleven children in Illinois.

[31] Revolutionary War Pension, Jonathan Warner, 11708.

[32] Celia (Bennett) Gary (1839–1909) is the author's grandmother, daughter of George W. and Emeline (Warner) Bennett and granddaughter of Aaron and Rebecca (Smith) Warner. A typed copy of the letter is in the author's possession.

Children of Jonathan and Margaret Elizabeth (Zuill) Warner, all baptized at the First Church at Amherst:[33]

i. **Aaron Warner**, b. 9 March 1781,[34] bp. 26 Oct. 1783; d. 21 July 1839,[35] aged 58 years 4 months 11 days, bur. in the South Wales Cemetery, South Wales, Erie Co., N.Y.;[36] m. at Brattleboro, Vt., 24 Nov. 1805,[37] **Rebecca Smith**, b. at Hadley, Mass., 3 June 1784[38] or 1786,[39] dau. of David and Rebekah (Goodrich) Smith. She d. 10 Aug. 1853, aged 69 years 2 months 7 days, bur. with Aaron. Aaron owned the first store and tavern at South Wales.[40] He and Rebecca had six children.[41]

ii. **Frances Patteshall Warner**, b. 3 Dec. 1782, bp. the same day as her brother Aaron, 26 Oct. 1783;[42] d. at Madison, Scott Co.,

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[33] A family record in the Revolutionary War pension file of Jonathan Warner, 11708, gives the birth dates of his children and death dates for those who died as children, his mother's death date, and his marriage date; Record of Baptisms, First Church, 1739–1843, Amherst, 1930, pp. 18–28.

[34] Ruth Allen, *Trumbull County, Ohio, Bible and Family Records* (Trumbull County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1988), 211–12, copied from a Bible (New York: American Bible Society, 1850), in the possession of Miss Ruth A. Partridge, Warren, Ohio, in 1956. There is no notation as to whom the Bible belonged. There are two typographical errors in the transcript: The birth date for Rebecca (Smith) Warner does not match her gravestone, and another date, transcribed as 1860, should be 1806.

[35] Warner Bible Record.

[36] Wild, "Cemetery records, Town of Wales" [see note 4]. Aaron and Rebecca and his parents Jonathan and Margaret E. Warner are buried in lot #28. See also *http://wnyroots.tripod.com/index-wales-south-cem.html*, Rebecca's death date read as "August 8, 1853, 69 years."

[37] *Warner Bible Record*; Vermont State Vital Records; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Amherst Vital Records, 1747–1855, 6, intentions 16 October 1805, "c[ertificate] 21 October 1805."

[38] Compilation of births found in the Hadley town clerks office in 1985, and since moved to the Hadley Historical center, but not considered a vital record. Her gravestone says she died 10 August 1859, aged 69 years 2 months 7 days, which agrees with the 1784 date.

[39] *Warner Bible Record*, 212, seems to have two typos, one being the date 1786 instead of 1784; Wild, "Cemetery records, Town of Wales" [see note 4].

[40] Ethelyn Weller, *A History of the Town of Wales* (Buffalo, N.Y.: Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 1971), 4.

[41] Smith, *Families of Amherst*, 4: 753, and Warner, *Descendants of Andrew Warner*, 353, ascribed the children of a different Aaron and Rebecca Warner (who moved to Weston, Vt.) to this couple. Katherine Warner Radasch, *Register of the Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel[7] Warner of Wilbraham, Mass.* (Springfield, Mass.: Samuel Warner Assoc., 1956), 65, notes the error.

[42] Warner, *The Descendants of Andrew Warner*, 18

Ind., after 1843;[43] m. 31 Dec. 1807, **Joel Bliss** of Belchertown.[44] In 1840 in Scott Co., Ind., Rufus Bliss, probably a son, had a female aged 50–60 in his household.[45] They resided at Lexington, Ind., in 1843.[46]

iii. **Jonathan Warner**, b. 2 Nov. 1784, bp. 26 Dec. 1784; d. in Knox Co., Ind., 29 Sept. 1855;[47] m. at Amherst 3 Oct. 1810,[48] **Elizabeth Myrick**, b. 29 March 1792, dau. of Simeon and Lydia (Caswell) Myrick. She d. in Knox Co. 30 Dec. 1870. They lived in Sempronius and then went to Indiana before 1816 when it was still a territory. They were living at New Lexington, Scott Co., Ind., according to a letter dated 23 April 1848[49] and were enumerated there in 1850.[50] In 1870 Elizabeth, aged 78, was living at Harrison, Knox Co.[51]

iv. **Alexander Zuill Warner**, b. 30 June 1786, bp. 3 August 1786;[52] d. in Knox Co., Ind.;[53] m. at Amherst ca. 1 May 1808,[54] **Lucy Russell**, b. Mass. ca. 1790.[55] By 1810 they were at Sempronius,

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[43] Mary Cox Hoagland, *History of the Warner Family, Descendants of Andrew Warner through Jonathan Warner (1760-1845)*, typescript (Franklin, Ind., 1943), 34, in possession of the author.

[44] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Amherst Vital Records, 1747–1855, 16, intentions 28 Nov. 1807, and Records of Marriages, Intentions, and Deaths, 1739–1847, marriage 31 Dec. 1807.

[45] 1840 U.S. Census, Scott Co., Ind., roll 93, p. 256.

[46] Letter from Frances to her parents (see above).

[47] Dr. William H. Warner, "The History of the Warner Family," handwritten ms. in possession of the author (Crothersville, Ind., 5 Jan. 1901), included in Hoagland, *History of the Warner Family*, 34–36, where William H. Warner refers to "Jonathan Warner Jun. (our grandfather)."

[48] Hoagland, *History of the Warner Family*, 33, 39; Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Amherst Vital Records, 1747–1855, 27, Jon[a] Warner Jr. and Elizabeth Myrick of Shutesbury, intentions. 4 March 1810, certificate 19 March.

[49] Letter from Achsah Myrick of Amherst to Jonathan Warner of Indiana, typed copy in possession of the author in Hoagland, *History of the Warner Family*, 37–38.

[50] 1850 U.S. Census, Lexington, Scott Co., Ind., roll 171, p. 174A.

[51] 1870 U.S. Census, Harrison, Knox Co., Ind., roll 331, p. 44B.

[52] *Records of Amherst Baptisms*. In this printed copy of the original records he is listed as Alexander Truel Warner, bp. 3 Aug 1786, s. of Jonathan and Margaret Warner. Since his mother's maiden name was Zuill, we assume this was a misreading of his middle name. In later years the family referred to him as Alexander Zuill.

[53] Hoagland, *History of the Warner Family*, 80.

[54] Corbin, *Corbin Collection: Volume I: Records of Hampshire County*, Amherst Vital Records, 1747–1855, 18, Alexander D. [*sic*] Warner and Lucy Russell, intentions 14 April 1808, certificate 1 May.

[55] 1850 U.S. Census, Wabash Co., Ill., roll 130, p. 431.

Cayuga Co., N.Y.[56] In 1830, 1840, and 1850 they were in Wabash Co., Ill.[57] On 16 April 1843 Francis P. Bliss wrote to her parents that they had visited Alexander Zuill's family in Illinois the previous November.[58]

v. **Elijah Warner**, b. 24 June 1788, bp. 10 August 1788; d. 24 April 1797, aged 8 years and 10 months.

vi. **Elisha Warner**, b. 18 June 1790, bp. 25 July 1790; d. at Clarksville, Iowa Co., Ill., 8 Nov. 1875;[59] m. at Grafton, Vt., 2 Dec. 1813, **Keziah Gibson**,[60] b. in Vt. ca. 1792. They were living at Rutland, Vt., in 1850[61] and in 1870 were at York, DuPage Co., Ill.[62]

vii. **Margaret Elizabeth Warner**, b. 10 April 1792; d. 4 May 1792.

viii. **Robert Patteshall Warner**, b. 2 April 1793, bp. 9 June 1793; d. 12 Aug. 1796, aged 3 years 5 months.

ix **Margaret Elizabeth Warner**, b. 28 Aug. 1795, bp. 1 Nov. 1795; d. probably at Wales, Erie Co., N.Y., between 1830 and 1840;[63] m. say 1815, **Justus Smith**.[64]

x. **Jane Warner**, b. 13 March 1798, bp. 6 March 1798; d. 3 Feb. 1880; bur. in Union Cemetery, Elma, Erie Co., N.Y.;[65] m. 6 Aug. 1823, **Lewis Northrup**, b. at Frederick, Dutchess Co., N.Y., 5 March 1801, son of Stephen Northrup. He d. 29 Aug. 1882,[66] bur. in

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[56] 1810 U.S. Census, Sempronius, Cayuga Co., N.Y., roll 31, p. 1131.

[57] 1830 U.S. Census, Wabash Co., Ill., roll 25, p. 60; 1840, Wabash Co., Ill., roll 158, p. 71; 1850, Wabash Co., Ill., roll 130, p. 431.

[58] Letter from Francis P. Bliss (see above).

[59] Membership application, name restricted, National no. 577204, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

[60] Vermont State Vital Records.

[61] 1850 U.S. Census, Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont, roll 927, p. 49, his wife's name clearly written as "Gaziah."

[62] 1870 U.S. Census, York, DuPage Co., Ill., roll 217, p. 573B, Elisha, 80, "Keizie," 78.

[63] A letter from Sara S. (Warner) Miller, dau. of Aaron Warner, to an unnamed dau. of Justus Smith dated 13 June 1901, in possession of the author, which says "Aunt Fanny [Bliss] came here [to South Wales] & took three of Uncle Justus children home with her & brought them up," implying that the children were fairly young. In the 1840 U.S. Census at Holland, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 280, p. 323, Justus Smith was aged 50–60 and had only a male and a female, each 15–20 with him. The family of Rufus Bliss, son of Fanny, in Scott Co., Ind. (roll 93, p. 256), had five children under 20, so may have included children of Margaret and Justus.

[64] Letter from Sara S. (Warner) Miller, mentioning "our uncle Justus Smith."

[65] Photograph of the monument at *findagrave.com*, which includes her birth and death dates.

[66] A. Judd Northrup, *The Northrup-Northrop Genealogy* (New York: Grafton Press, 1908), 110.

Union Cemetery at Elma.[67] Lewis owned lot #22 in South Wales Cemetery, where some of his children are buried,[68] but the family was living at Holland in 1840, at Aurora in 1850, and at Elma in 1860.[69]

xi. **Rufus Warner**, b. 6 Feb. 1800, bp. 20 April 1800; d. 26 Oct. 1802, aged 2 years 8 months 20 days.

xii. **Lucius Warner**, b. 5 Sept. 1802, bp. 7 Nov. 1802.

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[68] See *http://wnyroots.tripod.com/index-wales-south-cem.html*.

[69] 1840 U.S. census, Holland, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 329, p. 280; 1850 U.S. Census, Aurora, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 498, p. 67A; 1860 U.S. Census, Elma, Erie Co., N.Y., roll 742, p. 676.

Warner, Noadiah
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Shutesbury, Hampshire County[1]

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Noadiah Warner[2] was baptized at the First Church at the East Precinct of Hadley, Hampshire County (which became the District of Amherst in 1759), on 21 July 1751, son of Aaron and Ruth (Selden) Warner.[3] He died at Rowe, Hampshire County,[4] between 6 March 1807 and 3 April 1809.[5]

Noadiah married at New Salem, Hampshire County [now Franklin County], on 3 March 1774,[6] **Lucy Garfield**. She was born at New Salem[7] ca. 1755 and died at Charlemont, Hampshire County, on 13 December 1838, called "Noah Lucy, wid."[8]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Shutesbury, Hampshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 527.

2 Most of the information in this sketch for Noadiah Warner was researched and a copy given to the author, by Frederick Chester Warner of Amherst, Mass., when he was about 91 years old. Son of Chester Warner (descended from the immigrant John Warner), he was born at Sunderland 9 Nov. 1886 and died at Amherst on 19 Feb. 1983. See Frederick C. Warner, "Noadiah Warner of Amherst, Shutesbury, and Rowe, Mass." Mss A7579 in the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at NEHGS, two pages. Data otherwise uncited is from this source. He was also the author of the five-volume Warner-Harrington family history, dated 1949 and 1955, available in the R. Stanton Avery Collections at NEHGS as "The Ancestry of Samuel, Freda and John Warner," Mss 510.

3 James Avery Smith, "Families of Amherst, Massachusetts," 4 vols. (Amherst, Mass., 1984), 4: 750.

4 Warner, "Noadiah Warner."

5 Franklin County Deeds, 24: 181 (1807), 26: 350 (1809). See below for detail.

6 Smith, "Families of Amherst," 4:752; *Vital Records of New Salem, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1927), 75.

7 Death record of son Daniel (see below).

8 *Vital Records of Charlemont, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass., NEHGS, 1917), 165.

On 13 November 1787 power of administration was granted to Noadiah's brother David as the administrator of their father Aaron's estate. By 30 January 1790 the estate was declared insolvent.[9] On 19 December 1791 David, as Aaron's administrator, sold to Nathaniel Edwards, the highest bidder, land at Amherst on the west bound of Pelham.[10] On 11 June 1792 David, for £100, deeded to Elisha Warner twenty-four acres in the Second Division, part of the lot owned "by my father deceased."[11] Under the administrator's expenses he showed that in October 1788 he paid Noadiah £8–7–10 and that he charged in January 1791 eight shillings for going to Shutesbury and Wendell and another eight shillings in settling with Noadiah, suggesting that Noadiah was living at Shutesbury in 1791. When the account was filed, David still owed a total of £15-3-08 to Jeremiah Cady (husband of his sister Hannah), Jesse Emerson, husband of his sister Lucy [of Wendell], and his sister Maribee's husband, Eli Colton.[12] James Avery Smith says that Noadiah was a resident of Amherst in 1774 and had fourteen acres of developed land plus livestock in 1776.[13] Noadiah appears on the Amherst Town Valuation List in 1776, with one horse, two oxen, one cow, and four sheep, plus house and land, total value £27–16.[14] On 5 October 1778 and 7 November 1781 he was living at Amherst when he bought land at Shutesbury.[15] So two of his children were most likely born there at Amherst. In 1780, still in Amherst, he had sixteen acres developed and thirty-eight acres undeveloped along with livestock.[16] He was voted as one of the hog reeves for Amherst 19 March 1781.[17] In 1785, a nonresident, he had eight acres developed and two acres of undeveloped land at Amherst.[18]

Noadiah was living at Shutesbury on 24 December 1784, 17 October 1785, and 3 May 1786, when he sold land there.[19] Then Noadiah of New Salem bought fifty acres of land and a dwelling house at Shutes-

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[9] Hampshire County Probate 17: 63, 64, 84.

[10] Hampshire County Deeds, 5: 526.

[11] Hampshire County Deeds, 4: 483.

[12] Hampshire County Probate, 17: 84, and Box 153, file 14, from Warner, "Noadiah Warner."

[13] Smith, "Families of Amherst," 4: 752.

[14] Edward Wilton Carpenter, *The History of the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts* (Amherst, Mass.: Carpenter & Morehouse, 1896), 603.

[15] Hampden County Deeds, 23: 619–20, both recorded 27 Sept. 1785.

[16] Smith, "Families of Amherst," 4: 752.

[17] Carpenter, *History of Amherst*, 87

[18] Smith, "Families of Amherst," 4: 752.

[19] Hampden County Deeds, 23: 220; 25: 496; 27: 297.

bury on 16 December 1788.[20] He was listed at Shutesbury in 1790 and was at Shutesbury on 14 February 1792, 17 February 1792, and 30 August 1792, when he bought and sold land there. Noadiah of Amherst, on May 1793, sold the fifty-acre farm in Shutesbury "on which I live."[21]

In 1800 "Nodiah" Warner was listed at Rowe with a male 16–26, himself over 45, and a female over 45.[22] On 1 November 1802 Noadiah occupied pew No. 2, his son Daniel pew No. 5, and Silas Colton pew No. 29 in the Rowe Meeting House.[23]

On July 20 1804 Noadiah of Rowe bought 100 acres in Rowe from his son-in-law John Williams Jr. On 15 February 1806 he deeded half his farm and buildings to son Newton Warner, and on 6 March 1807 he deeded the other half to his son Daniel. On 13 April 1809 Louisa, wife of John Williams Jr., spinster, Daniel and Newton Warner, all of Rowe, quitclaimed to Gideon Chapin all their rights in the estate of their father, Noadiah Warner, including the land purchased in his lifetime from John Williams.[24]

Children of Noadiah and Lucy (Garfield) Warner:[25]

i. **Aaron Warner**, b. at Amherst 26 Mar 1775; d. there 15 Feb. 1776.

ii. **Louisa** or **Lovisa Warner**, b. at Amherst 13 Mar 1777; m. (1), intentions at Rowe 18 April 1796,[26] her first cousin, **Eli Colton Jr.**, b. at Shutesbury in 1763, son of Eli and Meribah (Warner) Colton [Noadiah's sister]. He d. at Rowe 19 Oct. 1798.[27] Louisa m. (2), intentions at Rowe, 30 March 1801, **John Williams Jr.**[28]

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[20] Franklin County Deeds, 5: 110.

[21] Franklin County Deeds, 5: 109 (17 Feb. 1792 purchase), 242 (14 Feb. 1792 sale); 5: 530 (30 Aug. 1792 sale); 6: 93 (8 May 1793 sale).

[22] 1800 U.S. Census, Rowe, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 15, p. 1001.

[23] Percy Whiting Brown, *The History of Rowe, Massachusetts* (Cleveland, Ohio: A. D. Williams Co., 1935), 47–48.

[24] Franklin County Deeds, 19: 425 (1804), 23: 468 (1806), 24: 181 (1807), 26: 350 (1809).

[25] Walter E. Corbin, *The Corbin Collection: Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties and Other Towns*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), from Rowe Vital Records, ref. #1434, which gives birthplaces and death of Aaron; Smith, "Families of Amherst," 4: 752. The first two children do not appear in the Church Records of Amherst 1739–1843. These birth dates also appear in a letter from a Frederick C. Warner in the Revolutionary War Pension file of another Noadiah Warner, S33237. This Mr. Warner was evidently seeking a file for the Noadiah treated here, but he apparently never served in the Revolution.

[26] Corbin, *Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Rowe Vital Records.

[27] Corbin, *Corbin Collection, Vol. III*, from Rowe Vital Records.

[28] Corbin, *Corbin Collection, Vol. III*, from Rowe vital Records.

iii. **Daniel Warner**, b. at Amherst 3 Dec. 1780; d. at Charlemont 12 Aug. 1877, aged 96 years 6 months;[29] m. (1) Rowe 5 April 1800, **Margaret "Peggy" Brown**,[30] b. ca. 1783, d. at Charlemont 14 Nov. 1818, aged 35, and was bur. in the Warner Cemetery in Charlemont.[31] Daniel m. (2) by 1820,[32] **Lucinda Town**, b. at Heath, Hampshire Co., 3 Feb. 1800,[33] dau. of Thomas and Mary Town.[34] She d. at Charlemont 24 Nov. 1874, aged 74 years 9 months [*sic*] 1 day.

iv. **Newton Warner**, b. Shutesbury 5 June 1783;[35] d. at Montague, Hampshire Co., 1 Oct. 1868, aged 85 years 3 months 22 days;[36] m. at Charlemont in 1805,[37] **Rachel Cobb**, b. at Shelburne, Hampshire Co., ca. 7 July 1784 (calculated), daughter of Elisha Cobb.[38] She d. at Montague 2 Jan. 1867, aged 82 years 5 months 26 days. Newton was living at Charlemont in 1820 and 1830.[39] By 1840 he was at Montague and was living there at the time of the 1850 census.[40]

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[29] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 292: 289, of old age.

[30] Corbin, *Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Rowe Vital Records, ref. #1425.

[31] *Vital Records of Charlemont*, 165.

[32] The marriage was probably by 1820 since a female the right age to be a second wife is listed in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses (1820 U.S. Census, Rowe, Franklin Co., Mass., roll 50, p. 49; 1830, Rowe, roll 62, p. 110; 1840, Rowe, roll 23, p. 183).

[33] *Vital Records of Heath, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1915), 67.

[34] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 265: 283, of palsy, born Heath.

[35] Corbin, *Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Rowe Vital Records, says "in Shootsborough."

[36] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 211: 281, says he was born at Prescott. However, Newton's son Zebina Colton Warner's death record at Montague, 23 Aug. 1882, aged 73, says that his father was born at Shutesbury (Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 337: 330), which is much more likely.

[37] *Vital Records of Charlemont*, 127, no day or month given; intentions at Rowe 22 Feb. 1805 (Corbin, *Volume III: Records of Berkshire and Franklin Counties*, from Rowe Vital Records, ref. #1431).

[38] Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 202: 250.

[39] 1820 U.S. Census, Charlemont, Franklin Co., Mass., roll 50, p. 40; 1830, Charlemont, roll 62, p. 32.

[40] 1840 U.S. Census, Montague, Franklin Co., Mass., roll 144, p. 183; 1850, Montague, roll 317, p. 290.

White, Solomon
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Lenox, Berkshire County[1]

By Peter B. Ashby

Solomon White, probably son of John and Prudence (Carrier) White of Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut,[2] was born at Sharon in 1759 and died, probably at Sharon, on 11 August 1833.[3] He was living in 1830 at Sharon.[4]

Solomon married at Sharon on 10 September 1780, **Rebecca Wildman**.[5] She was baptized at neighboring Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, on 8 August 1762, daughter of John and Phebe (Brown) (Davis) Wildman.[6] She died, probably at Lenox, on 12 March 1816.[7]

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1 1790 U.S. Census, Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 342.

2 Charles F. Sedgwick, *General History of the Town of Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn.*, 3rd ed. (Amenia, N.Y.: Charles Walsh, 1898) 160. According to this work, John moved to Alford, Mass., "where he died in 1775." Lawrence Van Alstyne, *Born, Married and Died, in Sharon, Connecticut* (Sharon, Conn.: Pawling Chronicle, 1897), 137, includes the marriage of "Jonathan" and Prudence Carrier on 18 March 1751 and the births of children Hannah in 1751, John in 1753, and twins Timothy and George in 1756, all to "John and Prudence."

3 Revolutionary War Pension, Solomon White, S15250.

4 1830 U.S. Census, Sharon, Litchfield Co, Conn,, roll 11, p. 506, a male aged 70–80.

5 Van Alstyne, *Born, Married and Died, in Sharon, Connecticut*, 137.

6 Rev. Melatiah E. Dwight, "Amenia, N.Y., Church Records," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 35 [1904]: 109 (baptism); William A. Eardeley, "Marriage Records of Amenia, N.Y.," *Record* 33 [1902]: 46 (parents' marriage on 16 April 1760). Phebe had two children from her first marriage, Mary and Phebe, baptized on 12 Oct. 1760, recorded on the same page as Rebecca's baptism. Phebe Brown married Ezra Davis at Sharon 17 June 1751 (Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, citing Sharon Land Records, 3: 26).

7 Rollin H. Cooke Collection, "Lenox Church Records from R. C. Rockwell's Copy," 20: 355, called "wife of Sol. White."

The female living with Solomon at Sharon in 1830[8] was his second wife, **Rachel (___) Lockwood**,[9] who made a will on 2 October 1820 giving her dwelling house and land at Sharon and all her personal property to her husband, Solomon. The will was presented in court on 14 April 1824.[10]

According to his own deposition in his pension file, dated 30 July 1832, Solomon served in the Revolutionary War from June 1776 as a private and then sergeant in three different companies up and down the Hudson River and at Greenwich, Connecticut, mostly keeping guard. He mentioned no battles. He was finally discharged in March 1783. After the war, he moved to Lenox, where he lived until about 1820 before returning to Sharon.[11]

The area comprising Lenox was first settled in 1750 and in 1767 was incorporated from Richmond, the area formerly known as Yokumtown. The first few settlers were forced to flee their homes five years later for fear of Indians. A majority of the first inhabitants, who returned to their homes, were from West Hartford and Wallingford, Connecticut.[12] On 28 August 1787 Solomon was already "of Lenox" when he purchased three acres of land there from George White,[13] who was probably his uncle.[14] Solomon's name appears on a list of petitioners for a proposed county road, requested in February of 1790. The petition was signed by virtually all the male inhabitants of Lenox, and Solomon is the only White appearing on the list.[15]

On 2 March 1793 Solomon sold the same land that he had purchased in 1787.[16] In 1800 he was enumerated at Lenox,[17] and in 1810 he was at Richmond,[18] but by 1820 he had moved back to Sharon in

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[8] A female aged 60–70 (1830 U.S. Census, as cited above).

[9] On 26 April 1825 David Lockwood quitclaimed to Solomon White on three acres in the Ellsworth Society of Sharon, "the same dwelling house and land in and on which my mother Rachel White deceas[d] last resided" (Sharon Deeds, 19: 524).

[10] Sharon District Probate, Rachel White, file 3407.

[11] Revolutionary War Pension, Solomon White, S15250.

[12] Charles J. Palmer, *History of Lenox and Richmond, Massachusetts*, (Pittsfield, Mass: Berkshire Family History Association, 1994), 1.

[13] Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 33: 45, recorded 3 March 1793.

[14] Sedgwick, *History of Sharon*, 160.

[15] Rollin H. Cooke Collection, "Lenox Church Records from R. C. Rockwell's Copy," 20: 367.

[16] Berkshire County Deeds, 33: 46.

[17] 1800 U.S. Census, Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 13, p. 212.

[18] 1810 U.S. Census, Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 117.

Connecticut.[19] On 1 April 1828 he sold the land he had inherited from his second wife.[20]

Children of Solomon and Rebecca (Wildman) White, born or baptized at Lenox:

i. **Henry White**, b. 17 Feb. 1782.[21] He may be the Henry White admitted to the church at Lenox in 1827.[22]

ii. **Whiting** or **Whiten White**, b. 16 May 1784;[23] m. **Mary "Polly" Burr**, b. at Sharon 5 Nov. 1782, bp. there 21 Aug. 1785, dau. of Walter and Mary (St. John) Burr.[24] Among other deeds at Sharon, on 4 May 1816 Whiten White and his wife Polly sold their right to land and house set out of the estate of Walter Burr as dower to Mabel Allen, his former wife.[25] On 1 Feb. 1825, by two deeds, Mabel Allen, Whiten and Polly White, David and Andrew Burr with their wives Polly and Jerusha, all of Homer, Cortland Co., N.Y., sold real estate of Nathaniel Burr, another brother of Polly.[26] In 1840 Whiting White was listed at Homer.[27]

iii. **Solomon White**, b. 13 Jan. 1787.[28]

iv. **Lavinia White**, b. 11 Feb. 1790.[29]

v. **Wildman** or **Wileman W. White**,[30] b. 9 Dec. 1793,[31] bp. at the Congregational Church, Lenox, 25 Feb. 1808;[32] d. at Newburgh,

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[19] 1820 U.S. Census, Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., roll 1, p. 393.

[20] Sharon Deeds, 21: 7.

[21] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 1756–1902, microfiche publication (Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1983), 428.

[22] Rollin H. Cooke Collection, "Lenox Church Records from R. C. Rockwell's Copy," 20: 326.

[23] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 428, which says "Whiting," but he signed as "Whiten" on deeds (see below).

[24] Barbour Collection, citing Sharon Land Records, 9: 550 (birth as "Mary"), 7: 303 (parents' marriage); Connecticut State Library index of church records, from the First Church of Christ, Sharon, 1: 37 (baptism), 1: 24 (parents' marriage).

[25] Sharon Deeds, 17: 318.

[26] Sharon Deeds, 20: 67, 68.

[27] 1840 U.S. Census, Homer, Cortland Co., N.Y., roll 275, p. 132.

[28] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 429.

[29] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 429.

[30] The 1820 and 1830 censuses spell his name "Wileman."

[31] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 429, his name spelled "Wildman."

[32] Lenox (Massachusetts) Congregational Church Records, 1771–1952 (Family History Library microfilm 0,238,334).

Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 16 April 1842,[33] bur. in Harvard Grove Cemetery there;[34] m., probably 18 Dec. 1817, **Sabrina Williams,**[35] b. at Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., 18 Dec. 1798,[36] dau. of Abraham and Sarah (Tolman) Williams.[37] She d. Newburgh 1 Dec. 1875.[38]

Wileman grew up at Lenox, about five miles from Stockbridge, Sabrina's home, near the New York border.[39] From 1813 to 1815 he was voted one of three choristers at Trinity Church at Lenox.[40] He was a skilled joiner and bridge builder. He moved to East Cleveland in Ohio in 1815, believing that the extensive rivers and streams there would require his services, and he was right. Wileman moved to Newburg in the late 1830s to be closer to his construction work at Cleveland.[41]

In 1820 at Cleveland, "Wileman White" had a male under 10, one 16–26, two 26–45, and one over 45, plus a female 16–26 and one 26–45. There were three in manufacturing.[42] In 1830 there, he and a female were aged 30–40 with several children.[43]

vi. **Hiram White**, b. 11 July 1796,[44] bp. at Lenox 25 Feb. 1808.[45]

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[33] *Daily Atlas*, 27 April 1842, 4, "At Newburgh, Ohio, 16th inst. Wileman White, Esq., 48, formerly of Berkshire Co., Mass."; personal papers of Wileman's son Judge Henry Clay White, compiled ca. 1890, Newburgh, Cuyahoga, Ohio, in possession of the author.

[34] Gertrude Van Rensselaer Wickham, *The Pioneer Families of Cleveland, 1796–1840*, 2 vols. (Cleveland, Evangelical Publishing House, 1914), 1: 162.

[35] Wickham, *Pioneer Families of Cleveland*, 1: 161–62, which says he wanted to marry her on her 19th birthday. The personal papers of Judge Henry Clay White suggest they may have married at Canaan, Columbia Co., N.Y.

[36] Henry Bond, M.D., *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Mass., and Watertown Records* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1860), 123.

[37] Bond, *Watertown*, 123.

[38] Personal papers of Judge Henry Clay White.

[39] Personal papers of Judge Henry Clay White.

[40] Rollin H. Cooke Collection, "Lenox Church Records from R. C. Rockwell's Copy," 20: 132–33.

[41] Wickham, *The Pioneer Families of Cleveland, 1796–1840*, 161–62, which see for further information on the family.

[42] 1820 U.S. Census, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, roll 90, p. 47.

[43] 1830 U.S. Census, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, roll 129, p. 86.

[44] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 429.

[45] Lenox Congregational Church Records.

vii. **George White**, b. ca. 1799, bp. 25 Feb. 1808;[46] possibly living at or near Sharon when Sedgwick was working on his history of the town.[47]

viii. **William White**, b. ca. 1802, bp. 25 Feb. 1808.[48]

ix. **Marilla White**, b. 27 Feb. 1805,[49] bp. 25 Feb. 1808 [*sic*].[50]

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[46] Lenox Congregational Church Records, aged 9, on 25 Feb. 1808.

[47] Sedgwick, *History of Sharon*, 160.

[48] Lenox Congregational Church Records, aged 6 on 25 Feb. 1808.

[49] Massachusetts Vital Records, Lenox, 457, her name spelled "Morilla."

[50] Lenox Congregational Church Records.

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Stockbridge, Berkshire County

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Azariah Williams was born at East Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, on 18 May 1729, son of Jonah and Abigail (Burnham) Williams,[1] and was baptized there on 8 June 1729.[2] He died on 22 April 1813 at age 85 and was buried in the Sedgwick Cemetery at Stockbridge, Massachusetts.[3]

He married at Stockbridge on 9 October 1759[4] or 1760[5] **Beulah Brown**. She was born at Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, in 1736, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mary (Patterson) Brown of Watertown.[6] She died at Stockbridge on 10 August 1816.[7]

Azariah was still in Hartford County in June 1757 when he was sued in court there.[8] He served in the French and Indian War in Capt.

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[1] Vital Records, Stockbridge, Mass., 1737–1844 (Family History Library microfilm 238,332).

[2] "Records of the Reverend Samuel Woodbridge, East Hartford, Connecticut, Transcribed by W. Herbert Wood" (Elbridge, N.Y., 1933), Mss A 6043, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 5; also online at *AmericanAncestors.org*.

[3] Elsie M. Huntley, "Tombstone inscriptions Stockbridge, Massachusetts" (Great Barrington, Mass.: First Resistance Chapter, DAR, 1947). Mss A 7337, R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, NEHGS, 52.

[4] Mrs. Elizabeth M. Leach Rixford, *Three Hundred Colonial Ancestors and War Service* (Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Co., 1934), 24; Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Mass., and Watertown Records* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1860), 123.

[5] Vital Records, Stockbridge, Mass., 1737–1844.

[6] Rixford, *Three Hundred Colonial Ancestors*, 24; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[7] Rixford, *Three Hundred Colonial Ancestors*, 24; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[8] *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, 15 vols. (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1850–1890), 11: 53, the cause not stated, but he was allowed costs.

Woodworth's Company for sixteen days in 1757 during the alarm when the French captured Fort William Henry.[9] Between 1757 and 1760 he moved to Stockbridge. Some records indicate he lived at Mt. Ephraim, now Richmond, near Stockbridge.[10] Stockbridge was created as a mission station among the Muh-he-ka-neew Indians in 1734.[11] In 1771 Azariah was taxed on thirteen acres, one horse, two oxen, and three cows.[12]

In 1810 at Stockbridge, Azariah Williams was over 45, with a female 10–16, one 26–45, and one over 45.[13]

Children of Azariah and Beulah (Brown) Williams, born or baptized at Stockbridge:[14]

i. **Eunice Williams**, b. 23 Dec. 1760;[15] d. at Stockbridge 10 May 1815,[16] aged 53, bur. with her father and brother Abraham.[17]

ii. **Solomon Williams**, b. 12 April 1762;[18] d. at Stockbridge 17 May 1763.[19]

iii. **Solomon Williams**, b. 21 July 1763;[20] d. 12 June 1838, bur. in Hope Cemetery, Newark Valley, Tioga Co., N.Y.;[21] m. 20 Nov.

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[9] *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755–1762*, publications of the Connecticut Historical Society (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Historical Society, 1903–1905), 9: 239.

[10] *Boston Transcript*, 29 Dec. 1931, #2846. See also 23 Oct. 1933, #7309, and 16 Nov. 1933, #7310.

[11] Sarah Cabot Sedgwick, *Stockbridge, 1739–1939 : A Chronicle* (Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Courier, 1939), 1, 5. For an illustrated history of Stockbridge, see N. H. Eggleston, "A New England Village," *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* 43 (Nov. 1871): 815–29, online at *http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/h/harp/index.html*.

[12] Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1978), 482.

[13] 1810 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 195.

[14] Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123, which differs in places and names some grandchildren.

[15] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass., card file, Stockbridge Library, Historical Section; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[16] Mrs. Herbert Emmons Stockwell, "Vital Statistics of Stockbridge, Massachusetts" (Family History Library microfilm 0,234,597, item 2).

[17] Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 52.

[18] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[19] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.

[20] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[21] "Hope Cemetery, Town of Newark Valley, NY," online at *http://tioga.nygenweb.net/hope20.htm*.

1794, **Hepzibah Hart**,[22] b. 28 March 1772, d. 17 August 1831, bur. in Hope Cemetery.[23]

iv. **John Williams**, b. 18 July 1765.[24]

v. **Isaac Williams**, b. 25 Oct. 1766;[25] perhaps the Isaac Williams d. 12 May 1842, aged 76, buried in New Lenox Cemetery, North Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass.;[26] m. at Lanesborough, Berkshire Co., 22 Dec. 1792 **Sally Westcoat**.[27]

vi. **Abraham Williams**, b. 28 June 1768,[28] bp. 31 Oct. 1773;[29] d. at Stockbridge 25 April 1838,[30] aged 73, bur. in Sedgwick Cemetery at Stockbridge;[31] m. at Stockbridge 7 Nov. 1793, **Sarah Tolman**, dau. of Ebenezer and Dorcas (Ayers) Tolman of Stockbridge, b. at Watertown, Mass., 2 Aug. 1773, d. 9 Nov. 1837,[32] aged 67, bur. with Abraham. See the sketch for her parents.

vii. **Electa Williams**, b. 20 Sept. 1772,[33] bp. 31 Oct. 1773;[34] d. 12 Feb. 1853,[35] bur. in Hope Cemetery, Newark Valley, aged 80 years 4 months 22 days;[36] m. 26 Aug. 1790 **Ezbon Slosson**, b. at

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[22] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass., 164; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[23] "Hope Cemetery, Town of Newark Valley, NY," which includes her maiden name.

[24] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass., has b. 1765; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123, says b. 18 June 1765.

[25] Vital Records, Stockbridge, Mass., 1737–1844, says born 1766; Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123, says b. 25 Oct 1766.

[26] "New Lenox Cemetery, North Lenox Massachusetts, from Town Records transcribed by Kelly Townsend," online at *http://www.rootsweb.com/~maberksh/towns/lenox/new-lenox-cem.htm*, accessed March 2011.

[27] Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800*, 3 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1897–1914; repr. 3 vols. in 1, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 140.

[28] Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[29] Vital Records, Stockbridge, Mass., 1737–1844.

[30] Bond, *Watertown*, 123.

[31] Huntley, "Tombstone Inscriptions," 52.

[32] Bond, *Watertown*, 123.

[33] D. Williams Patterson, "Slosson Genealogy," *New York Genealogical Biographical Record* 3 (1872): 113–14, probably calculated from her age at death. Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123, says only b. 1773.

[34] Vital Records, Stockbridge, Mass., 1737–1844.

[35] Patterson, "Slosson Genealogy," *NYGBR* 3: 113–14.

[36] "Hope Cemetery" online at *http://tioga.nygenweb.net/hope17.htm*; photograph at *findagrave.com*.

Stockbridge 28 Jan. 1769, bp. 5 Feb. 1769, d. 2 June 1838,[37] aged 69 years, bur. in Hope Cemetery, Newark Valley.[38]

viii. **Sarah Williams**, bp. 31 Oct. 1773;[39] perhaps m. ___ Watson.[40]

ix. **Mary Williams**, bp. 31 Oct. 1773;[41] m. 1 Aug. 1793 **Joseph Hosford**.[42]

x. **Abigail Williams**, bp. 31 Oct. 1773;[43] perhaps m. ___ Hamilton.[44]

xi. **Elisha Williams**, b. Jan. 1775,[45] he may be the Elijah Williams on the census of 1810 at Stockbridge.[46] Beulah had a brother named Elijah.[47]

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[37] Patterson, "Slosson Genealogy," *NYGBR* 3: 113–14. This spelling of his name is from his gravestone but he is called "Egborn" in Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123, and Isban or Isbon Slawson in early census records: 1800 U.S. Census, Tioga, Tioga Co., N.Y., roll 24, pp. 246–47, as Isban Slawson; 1810 U.S. Census, Berkshire, Broome Co., N.Y., roll 24, p. 214, as Isbon Slawson. The town of Berkshire, since 1822 in Tioga Co., was formed from the town of Tioga in 1808 (J. H. French, *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State* [Syracuse, N.Y.: R. P. Smith, 1859; repr. Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1980], 178, 650).

[38] "Hope Cemetery" online at *http://tioga.nygenweb.net/hope17.htm*; photograph at *findagrave.com*.

[39] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.

[40] Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[41] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.

[42] Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[43] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.

[44] Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[45] Extract of Vital Records of Stockbridge, Mass.; not in Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

[46] 1810 U.S. Census, Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p.195.

[47] Bond, *Watertown* (1860), 123.

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